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A teary-eyed Joseph Aldan Arriola was sentenced yesterday in federal court to four years and 10 months in prison for stealing over $600,000 from a deceased's estate.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Consuelo B. Marshall said that Arriola, a lawyer, had the duty to uphold the law. "He was in a position of trust. He took advantage of his position," she said.

Arriola was given credit for the 196 days he had already spent in jail while in federal cus-

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» 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit kicks off

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> *The ultimate goal is prosperity and good quality of life. I know that our islands are in good hands but we must continue to fight for what is right, what is fair and what is just.*
> —Guam Gov. Felix Camacho

CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, fourth from left, joins the region's presidents and governors at the opening ceremonies for the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan yesterday. Also in photo are Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori, Marshall Islands President Jurelang Zedkaia, Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho, Yap Gov. Sebastian Anefal, Kosrae Lt. Gov. William Tosie, Chuuk Gov. Wesley Simina, and Palau Minister Harry Fritz.
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Senators are trying to stop the government from unilaterally confiscating the funds of the Marianas Public Land Trust by putting restrictions yesterday on a bill that transfers millions of dollars in MPLT funds to the central government for payroll and

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In accordance with Public Law 5-33, Section 4(b) (3) the Public Purpose Land Exchange Authorization Act, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to enter into an exchange agreement to certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the exchange of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 5-33, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The purposed of the land exchange is to acquire a private property for right of way. The private property is described as Lot No. H 317-5-R2, containing an area of 1,838 square meters, more or less, and Lot No. H 317-5-2, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, situated in As Perdido, Saipan.

ii. The public land to be exchange is described as Lot No. 058 D 02, containing an area of 2,767 square meters more or less, located in Navy Hill, Saipan.

iii. The private property is owned by Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres a resident of Navy Hill, Saipan.

iv. A copy of the proposed land exchange agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan.

v. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before July 7, 2010 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NOTISIA POT MAPROPONEN MA´ATULAIKAN TANO´ PUBLIKU

Sigun gi halom I Lai Publiku 5-33 Seksiona 4 (b)(3), Public Purpose Land Exchange Act, I Depattamenton I Tano' Publiku guini ha nå´i notisia i intension-ña para u ma´atulaikan pumalu na tano´ publiku siha gi halom Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan Na Islan Marianas siha. Maseha håyi manentiresåo na petsona siha gi halom I publiku heneråsiña munna´hålom infotmasion, opiñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen i propositu siha para I uma´atulaikan I tano´ publiku. Komu mås mapribeniyi ginen Lai Publiku 5-33, pettanesen infotmasion ni dinimånda na para u mapuplika.

i. I maproponen i ma´atulaikan tano´ para uma´chule I tano´ private para chalan publiku. I diskripsion I tineteka na tano´ komo Lot No. H 317-5-R2, kinensisiste i åria 1,838 square meter, potlumenus mås, yan Lot No. H 317-5-2, kinensiste I aria 929 square meter, potlumenus mas, gaige giya As Perdido, Saipan.

ii. I diskripsion i tano´ publiku Lot No. 058 D 02, kinensisite i åria 2,767 square meters, potlumenus må, gaige giya Navy Hill, Saipan.

iii. I dwennon tano´ si Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres, residenten Navy Hill, Saipan.

iv. I kopian a maproponen i ma´atulaikan tano´ siña machule´ gi ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano´ Publiku, gaige gi sigundo bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan.

v. I Secretarian i Depattamenton Tano´ Publiku para hu aksepta I tinigi´i opiñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen i mapropone na ma´atulakan tano´ publiku antes osino gi dia Mayo 28, 2010 gi Depattamenton Tano´.

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Sángi Alléghúl Toulap 5-33 Section 4 (b)(3), Bwulasiyool Ammwlil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe siiwel eghús falúw mellól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Schóóka eyoor máfiyeer rebwe isisilong aghighiir, aweewe, aingiingi reel pomwol siiwel yeel. Alléghú Toulap ye 5-3 Section 4 (b)(3) e ayoora, lamal aweewe kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélló.

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ii. Falúweer toulap yeel nge Lot No. H 317-5-R2 & Lot H 317-5-2, eyoor ruwabwúghúw eliigh me eew Lot 058 D 02 lapel falúw ye, elo Agak, Seipél.

iii. Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres elollo Navy Hill, Seipél, yaal falúw ye ebwe siiwel ngale falúweer toulap.

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Local

'Austerity will foil payless paydays'

» Inos: $5.9M so far reprogrammed for payroll, CUC

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reiterated yesterday his call on lawmakers to pass an austerity measure that will reduce government spending, not only to avoid payless paydays but also to make sure that essential public services continue.

Fitial said lawmakers who voted against the controversial House Bill 17-45 seeking to cut work hours from 80 to 70 per pay period should "start being responsible."

"Responsible means living with time. They cannot be living against time. We have a financial challenge. All of us need to get together in order to weather this financial crisis," the governor told reporters during a lunch break at the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit, which kicked off yesterday at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

The House passed the bill to cut work hours but the Senate rejected this and instead offered raising taxes and fees. The House rejected the Senate amendment.

The House and the Senate's joint conference committee on the austerity bill will meet for the first time today to try to reach a compromise. Both chambers have said they are "open to compromise."

"I'm going to use my constitutional power if I need to, but I don't need to resort to that because we have a legislative branch of government that we should be working together with to resolve this financial crisis. I just hope that they understand," Fitial added.

He said the government is waiting for the July collections to come in to determine the financial requirements for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010, or whether to further revise the projected revenue of $137 million.

Fitial said he hopes there will not be another payless payday, but this may still hinge on collections in July.

"We're hoping that the July collections will produce some revenues that will be sufficient, adequate to take care of payroll at least," he said.

Most government employees received their paychecks a few days after the June 18 pay period because of insufficient government funds.

Other lawmakers who previously rejected a work hour cut, like Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), are now open to the idea, given the gravity of the government's financial woes.

But Hofschneider said cutting work hours for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 may now be moot, considering that a new law already gave the governor authority to reprogram up to $10 million in FY 2010 for payroll and utility costs.

"I'm not for cutting salaries but now we have to be realistic. But I want to point out that we don't want to impact revenue of employees all because the government hires new employees. There should be absolutely no new hires, only replacements for critical positions like nurses and police officers," Hofschneider said in an interview on Capital Hill.

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Firefighter in boat engine theft gets 3 days

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A firefighter who was convicted of stealing a boat engine from the Northern Islands Mayor's Office was sentenced yesterday to three days in prison.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Fire Fighter I Combiniano Igisaiar Taisakan to three years in prison, all suspended except for three days, for the crime of theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Taisakan was given credit for the three days he had already spent in jail.

Wiseman also sentenced Taisakan to six months in prison, all suspended, for the crime of possession or removal of government property.

"The court…finds the defendant…to be one of those offenders for whom probation terms and conditions would best serve the interests of society," Wiseman said.

Wiseman placed Taisakan on supervised probation, required him to write a letter of apology to the people of the CNMI, and to perform 200 hours of community service. He was also made to pay a $500 fine, $100 court assessment fee, probation fee, and restitution on any damage to the engine.

Taisakan is also barred from being employed by or having a contract with the CNMI government for the duration of his probation.

According to the Office of the Attorney General's White Collar Crimes/Public Corruption Task Force, Taisacan sold the boat engine to firefighter George Rios and his wife, for $300 between June 6 and August 2007.

The CNMI government had recommended a two-year prison term for Taisakan on its claim that the firefighter breached the public trust.

Wiseman said, however, that Taisakan is not an elected or appointed official who took an oath of office to uphold the public trust.

"Such a term of public trust may not be an appropriate classification for the defendant since he was only an employee," the judge said.

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Epidemic of non-communicable diseases in Pacific region bared

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CNMI Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez disclosed yesterday that the Pacific Island Health Officers Association adopted a resolution last month declaring a regional state of health emergency due to the epidemic of non-communicable diseases in the United States-affiliated Pacific Islands. These diseases that continue to grow at an alarming rate include diabetes, cancer, obesity, cardiovascular disease, stroke, gout, arthritis, and depression.

Speaking before participants of yesterday's 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit, Villagomez said the association made the declaration to elicit a greater response from donors and local responders—similar to that given for H1N1, bioterrorism, and SARS.

Villagomez

The association's emergency declaration is not legally binding but is designed to make a strong point, he added.

"NCD is a bigger problem for the Pacific region. Data is alarming and obvious…but we're not getting the same response," said Villagomez.

He said U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands are among the worst with NCD diseases and risk factors in the world.

This burden continues to endanger small and fragile cultures of islanders and largely impact the economy of each region. Without the concrete and solid steps to address this serious concern, Villagomez said it will likely get worse.

In the Commonwealth, Villagomez said non-communicable diseases affect the youth, the hospital, the economy, and the future.

Commonwealth youths are particularly at major risk: 75 percent of CNMI youths were found not eating adequate fruits and vegetables in the last two weeks; over 50 percent did not exercise last week; and close to 25 percent used tobacco last month.

Latest data also indicate that 71 percent of adults in the Commonwealth Health Center have diabetes.

Villagomez also disclosed that two out of every three medical referrals in the CNMI are for non-communicable diseases, which receive treatment from off-island medical facilities.

From 1993 to 2005, DPH has found that the oral cancer rate among Chamorros has increased by 27.9 percent in the last 10 years, while a 43.1 percent increase was noted among Carolinians—mainly due to tobacco chewing.

In other Pacific islands, oral cancer has been increasing at a rate of 35.2 percent in the last 10 years.

Recommendations

Micronesian chief executives were urged yesterday to encourage their islands to collect non-communicable diseases data and request their local non-health agencies and sectors to develop and strengthen the NCD policies and plans.

Villagomez also encouraged the leaders to consider adopting legally binding declarations of emergency at the territorial level and direct health committees to support interested Micronesian Chief Executives Summit member states.

The association also urged the submission of a regional NCD epidemic profile and economic impact analysis at the next summit.

Funding snags council efforts against invasive species in Micronesia region

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The Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council has identified funding as the main challenge in implementing the council's plans and programs.

During RISC's presentation yesterday at the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit at the Fiesta Resort & Spa, Marian Teregeyo of the Department of Land and Natural Resources said that financial support will determine their capacity to implement the Micronesia Biosecurity Plan.

Financial support is also significant in the MBP's monitoring and response aspect as well as the conduct of outreach and education on the issues on invasive species.

The MBP is a comprehensive plan that aims to assist Pacific islands and island nations in addressing issues on invasive species at local and regional levels by promoting best management practices in biosecurity and suggesting methods in building early detection and rapid response capacity.

A critical topic discussed during a meeting held on Guam in January 2010, the MBP is gaining international recognition in as a model for effective regional collaboration on invasive species issues.

To support the development of the MBP, members of RISC have created committees and task forces to coordinate invasive species efforts, Teregeyo said.

Teregeyo also said that there are ongoing visits to island members of RISC as part of the MBP. Scientists visit the islands to conduct studies on invasive species.

As part of their recommendation to the 13th MCES, members of RISC submitted a letter asking for the Department of the Interior to find funding sources that will sustain a National Invasive Species Council representative to be stationed in Guam to continue assisting RISC and other federal partners in programs relating to invasive species.

RISC would also like the commitment of the chief executives in sending representatives to two meetings a year to work together on issues and in having each RISC member give at least $2,500 to fund its projects.

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together, our region continues to face considerable challenges," said CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, as he welcomed delegates and guests at the opening of the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan yesterday.

The three-day summit brought together Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori, Marshall Islands President Jurelang Zedkaia, Palau Minister Harry Fritz who represented Palau President Johnson Toribiong, Kosrae Lt. Gov. William Tosie, Yap Gov. Sebastian Anefal, Chuuk Gov. Wesley Simina, and Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho, who also addressed the summit.

Pohnpei Gov. John Ehsa did not make it to the opening ceremonies.

Fitial said one of the region's challenges is the need to explore alternative, cost efficient and renewable energy source as islands "continue to wrestle with the fluctuating cost of fuel."

He said he and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos remain optimistic that there is a bright future ahead of the CNMI to secure reliable and innovative alternative energy solutions, referring to the possibility of harvesting geothermal energy.

Throughout the three-day summit, delegates will continue discussion on transportation, tourism, invasive species, healthcare, the Micronesian Challenge, employment, communications, and the U.S. military presence in the region.

Zedkaia and Mori thanked the CNMI and Guam for hosting a lot of Micronesians from their areas.

Climate change, military buildup

Zedkaia said climate change and rising sea level pose a real danger especially to small island territories.

"The environment in general and climate change in particular remains on top of the list of challenges facing the world today…Climate change is everyone's business," said Zedkaia, who marked his first time to attend the summit that brings together presidents and governors of nine Micronesian countries and territories.

Camacho said while the military buildup in Guam and the Northern Marianas has promises of economic prosperity, it also poses a lot of challenges that include lack of infrastructure to sustain a surge in population and harm to the environment.

"We all come to speculate but life goes on and as we move towards that goal of this buildup, we begin to realize more and more, that there's more to it than what appears. Although there are many promises, there are many challenges ahead," he said.

Camacho said the islands must find ways to not only enhance the quality of life in the Marianas, but also in other parts of Micronesia.

He said this is where the collaboration and cooperation among islands come into play.

"The ultimate goal is prosperity and good quality of life. I know that our islands are in good hands but we must continue to fight for what is right, what is fair and what is just…Life as we know it in Micronesia will never be the same," the Guam governor told the summit.

The three-day summit will also tackle the formalized creation of the Guahan Job Corps Satellite Center, an initiative with Micronesian leaders that will serve as the starting point for a regional program specific to youth pre-apprenticeship recruitment.

"I will seek the support and commitment of my brothers in the region to establish a memorandum of understanding for our U.S. DOL registered apprenticeship programs. We must invest in comprehensive talent development programs throughout our region that build our capacity to respond to the economic expansion we will see in Micronesia over the next decade," Camacho said in a separate statement.

Fitial said in today's global economy, it is people who make the difference.

"So let us begin. For if we are determined and pragmatic, we can resolve to work vigorously in common effort to achieve our common purpose: a region that is safer, cleaner, and healthier," he said.

Healthcare

In an interview later, Fitial said he is looking forward to working with IntelliCare, one of the largest health maintenance organizations in the Philippines, in helping to reduce healthcare costs not only in the CNMI but throughout Micronesia.

Dr. Ricardo L. Jocson, medical director of IntelliCare, was on Saipan to do initial assessment of the CNMI's healthcare needs. He toured the Commonwealth Health Center early this week.

"If we work through them, the cost of health care will be fixed; there will be no disparity among healthcare providers. Right now, the cost of healthcare varies," said Fitial, who just got back from the Philippines to undergo medical treatment.

Economic cooperation, Micronesian Cruise Task Force

Vietnam Consul General to San Francisco, Le Quoc Hung, who was one of the dignitaries at the summit, said Vietnam welcomes the opportunity to establish socio-economic ties with Micronesian territories.

Vietnam established diplomatic relations with the Marshall Islands in July 1992, and with the FSM in September 1995.

Camacho, in a statement, said the chief executives will also consider the creation of a Micronesia Cruise Task-force to explore "what could be the next big industry" for the region.

"Collaboratively, we can develop a strategy that harmonizes the region's regulatory structures with the ultimate goal of marketing 'Magnificent Micronesia' in a way we have never seen before," Camacho said.

The Micronesian Chief Executives Summit was founded in 2004 by former CNMI Gov. Juan Babauta and Camacho, who called for the establishment of sub-regional meetings to establish closer ties, enhance existing ties, expand future discussions, and agree on beneficial initiatives for the benefit of the entire western Micronesian region.

The summit continues today and tomorrow, with a number of committee reports and presentations.

GIRL

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Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric F. David said yesterday that the girl, in the presence of her father, had confessed to Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives that she made up the rape story so she wouldn't be punished for going home late that night.

DPS now considers the case closed but David said investigators are studying the possibility of filing a false report and other charges against the student.

CIB detectives will be meeting with the Office of the Attorney General to discuss other matters discovered during the initial investigation, David said.

According to the girl's original story, she was walking back home by the Chalan Kanoa beach on May 27 when a white pickup truck with two male occupants drove by her and stopped. She said one of the truck's riders got down, grabbed her, and hit her behind the head.

The girl said she lost consciousness and woke up a couple of hours later at Laly 4 Beach in Chalan Kanoa, already naked. Laly 4 Beach is not far from the Chalan Kanoa Beach Club. The girl said she walked home and reported the incident to her family. Police were then called.

Police said the victim had injuries in the head and groin and her face was swollen.

David said police and investigators combed the Chalan Kanoa beach area and interviewed witnesses at the scene.

"Upon gathering all these information and statements from witnesses the investigators noticed inconsistencies," David said.

He said investigators waited for the victim, who had gone off island with family members shortly after the incident was reported.

David said CIB detectives recently interviewed the girl and confronted her with her earlier statement given to the police.

With her father beside her, the girl cried and told investigators she only made up the rape story.

ARRIOLA

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tody. Marshall said she also deducted the five months Arriola spent in jail in the Philippines where he was arrested.

Before the sentence was handed down, the 43-year-old Arriola apologized to the U.S. government, to the court, his family, the community, and to the heirs of the Rita Kaipat's estate.

"I stand before this court a disgrace to the legal profession," Arriola said, tears in his eyes.

He recalled that he had a good career in private law practice, but that at some point he lost control of his life.

"I let alcohol and drugs and other vices overtake me," Arriola said.

Marshall ordered Arriola and his co-defendant, Luis Pelisamen, to jointly pay the Rita Kaipat estate $625,775.

After serving his sentence, Arriola will be placed on supervised probation for three years, required to perform 100 hours of community service, and undergo random drug testing. Arriola was encouraged to participate in the 500-hour drug abuse program administered by the Bureau of Prisons.

The judge allowed his continued temporary liberty until a federal jail facility is designated for him.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Schuler told *Saipan Tribune* that the U.S. government is pleased with the court's judgment.

Schuler said that Arriola actually got a total of 63 months, including his detention in the Philippines and in federal custody. "He effectively got three months higher than co-defendant Pelisamen," Schuler said,

Pelisamen was sentenced to 60 months in prison in an earlier trial.

Arriola pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of wire fraud as part of a plea agreement with the U.S. government.

Arriola admitted that he made unauthorized withdrawals from the Rita Kaipat estate in violation of a Superior Court order.

Arriola was hired as the lawyer for the estate's former administrator, Pelisamen. The two set up a bank account where they deposited the estate's $1.37 million. According to the prosecution, the two helped themselves to the money.

Superior Court then associate judge Juan T. Lizama kicked out Arriola and Pelisamen from the estate after finding out that some of the estate's money was missing.

When the indictment was filed, Arriola was in the U.S. mainland. He then fled to the Philippines.

Pelisamen was arrested and subsequently found guilty and sentenced to five years in prison.

Philippine authorities in coordination with Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Arriola on June 16, 2009. On Nov. 25, 2009, the Philippine government deported him to Saipan.

Arriola was represented at trial by defense attorney Steven Pixley.

SENATE

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other expenses.

The Senate also raised the amount of the proposed MPLT loan to the government, from $4 million that the House proposed on Friday to $5.25 million, in a form of an amendment to House Bill 17-78, House Draft 1.

The additional $1.25 million proposed by the Senate is for equipment and medicine needs at the Commonwealth Health Center.

On a 7-0 vote, the Senate passed yesterday afternoon Rep. Ray N. Yumul's (R-Saipan) HB17-78, HD1, SD1.

"It's about time we address the issues at CHC. By buying medical equipment and medicines, we will be able to reduce the number of patients referred off-island for medical referrals and scans. It will also allow the doctors here to give proper medication and treatment of patients here," Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* at the Senate session.

Torres offered the floor amendment to add $1.25 million more to the original proposed $4 million MPLT loan. He said improving services at CHC is a follow up to the series of oversight hearings that he, as a former chairman of the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee, held during the 16th Legislature.

Under Torres' floor amendment to the bill, $1 million from MPLT shall be provided to CHC for the purchase of a magnetic resonance imaging machine or 64 slices CT Scan. He said another $250,000 shall go toward CHC's purchase of medicines such as dialysis, chemotherapy drugs, and other needed medications.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota), toward the end of the session, urged his fellow senators to "continue working on the budget."

"Today, we passed another crisis legislation," he said, referring to the bill that would earmark $5.25 million in future MPLT general fund distributions, to include the anticipated constitutionally mandated distributions for future fiscal years until the $5.25 million "advance is returned."

This $5.25 million will be in additional to the $1.7 million balance that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. still owes MPLT as part of a $3.4 million transfer in August 2008 to address rolling blackouts at that time.

Yesterday's Senate session was scheduled at 10am but it took senators almost two hours to come up with their amendments to put restrictions on the authority of the governor.

"We seek to take these steps to prevent drastic measures by the executive branch. The acting governor informed a joint meeting of the Legislature that Article III of the CNMI Constitution permits the governor emergency powers that may permit unilateral confiscation of MPLT funds in cases of government emergency, an action being actively considered by the administration were we not to act," the Senate's amendment to the bill reads.

The Senate also said "this action would not only jeopardize the MPLT monies belonging to the CNMI, but set a standard of executive action we seek to avoid in all but the most drastic emergencies."

Senators also added a new section that requires the reporting to the Legislature of all funds received in excess of the budgetary limits set by the applicable continuing appropriation act. This should also be used solely to retire the deficit.

MPLT vice chair Alvaro Santos earlier said MPLT also has concerns on the bill that the House passed on Friday but said they were glad to have a meeting with lawmakers on Tuesday to address their concerns on the bill.

HB 17-78, HD1, SD1 now goes back to the House for action. The House will hold a session on Friday, June 25.

The House passed the bill last Friday after Inos asked both MPLT and the Commonwealth Development Authority to provide $4 million each to the central government to help pay for government employees' salaries and pay CUC.

MPLT agreed to extend a loan but asked that it be done through legislation.

The government had insufficient funds to pay most government wages on June 18. CDA remitted $1.9 million to the central government on Monday, allowing for the paychecks to be released that same day.

For future payrolls, the government is looking at other reprogrammed or identified funds, including those from MPLT, CDA and Department of Public Lands, which it also tapped for CUC utility payments.

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in a separate interview at the Summit, said the central government has so far reprogrammed $5.9 million for payroll and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. payments.

The initial $2.5 million came from the Department of Public Lands, while $1.9 million came from the Commonwealth Development Authority. Another $4 million is expected from the Marianas Public Land Trust, but the Senate yesterday raised the amount to $5.25 million.

"We will keep going until we have covered all the payrolls," he said.

Congress urged to restore Medicaid eligibility for FAS citizens

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Micronesian leaders are urging the U.S. Congress to restore the Medicaid eligibility of citizens of the Freely Associated States who reside in the United States and its territories, a privilege taken from them in 1996.

During yesterday's opening of the 13th Annual Micronesian Chief Executive Summit at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, officials of the Pacific Island Health Officers Association requested regional leaders to intercede for them to have this benefit restored.

The proposed resolution states that the Freely Associated States—the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau—are countries that have a unique political relationship with the U.S. under their respective Compact of Free Association arrangements.

"The compacts allow FAS citizens to freely enter, reside, and work in the U.S. and its territories and authorize their participation in certain federal programs, including eligibility in Medicaid as aliens permanently residing under color of law in the U.S. and territories," the resolution states.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 disqualified FAS citizens from many public benefits, including Medicaid coverage.

It was also learned during yesterday's presentation that Hawaii will soon discontinue hemodialysis and cancer treatment for FAS residents living in Hawaii.

"Access to health care services through the Medicaid program is needed to help individual states meet the health care needs of FAS citizens residing in the U.S. and its territories. They work, pay taxes, and want to contribute in a positive manner to the communities in which they reside, and the exclusion of said citizens from Medicaid coverage denies them an important and crucial safety net that is available to other people who are also lawful residents," the resolution states.

The association pointed out that FAS citizens contribute to national defense by serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The association urged Micronesian leaders to urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the MCES Health Committee Secretariat to partner with MCES member states to identify and immediately implement effective strategies for preparing member states to benefit from the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Action of 2010.

This landmark health care reform legislation's impacts and opportunities for MCES member states are not yet fully understood, according to the association.

"MCES member states need immediate support and technical assistance with fully leveraging the opportunities available through the Act," the association stated.

The group also urged Micronesian leaders to take no action restricting the immigration provisions agreed to under the compacts.

Buckingham denies giving Santos new position

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Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham has denied Rosemond Blanco Santos' claim that she accepted a new position within the Office of the Attorney General on Capital Hill.

"We were exploring. There has not been a position that has been accepted," Buckingham told *Saipan Tribune.*

In terms of hiring someone, he said there has to be a job description that needs to be approved first.

"We have not done that. I will tell you at this point that my prior statement in terms of the resignation is correct. And I do wish her well in her future endeavor," Buckingham said.

Santos

Santos resigned as chief prosecutor with the OAG's Criminal Division on Friday.

Santos said her letter of resignation dated and submitted on May 21, 2010 was initially rejected. She said she learned through the *Saipan Tribune*'s Monday's issue that Buckingham had accepted her resignation over the weekend.

On Monday, Santos told *Saipan Tribune* in an e-mail that she had accepted a new position within the OAG. She said the new position was discussed during a meeting with Buckingham on Wednesday, June 16.

Santos did not specify the new position.

When *Saipan Tribune* asked Buckingham about the new position on Tuesday, he said he appreciates the inquiry to clarify the issue.

"I was confused frankly when I heard that," Buckingham said.

He stressed that there has not been an acceptance of a specific position.

"The position does not exist at this point," he added.

Buckingham appointed Santos as chief prosecutor in January 2010.

TO BOOST TOURISM IN REGION

Micronesia Cruise Task Force created

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A task force that will help boost the tourism industries in the Pacific islands and Micronesia was created yesterday during the opening day of the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit.

Dubbed Micronesia Cruise Taskforce, it will represent each island nation in the region in a collaborative effort to attract small to midsize cruise ships that are expected to redeploy in the region beginning this year.

According to Monte Mesa, chairman of the Guam Ports Authority, there is a growing demand for cruises in key source markets in the world such as the United States and Europe. Because bigger and more luxurious ships are being built, with more onboard activities, other small and midsize ships are being redeployed to new homeport destinations such as Micronesia.

Mesa disclosed that 14 million tourists went on boat cruises in 2009 and the industry has been showing an average growth rate of 7 percent each year.

Micronesia, he believes, will greatly benefit, now that Asia is redeveloping and constructing new cruise ship terminals from 2010 through 2015. These include Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Japan, and Korea.

Beginning in 2011, Australia and New Zealand will also start redeployment of its cruise ships *Holland America*, *Royal Caribbean*, and *Princess Cruise*, he said.

Mesa said Guam, the CNMI, and Palau could become the transpacific and world cruise ports of call for six notable ships—*Queen Mary*, *Sea Princes/Pacific Princess*, *Asuka II*, *C. Columbus*, *Nippon Maru*, and other cruise ships.

He is convinced that because of each island's unique and authentic attractions, cruise routes can be tailored and specialized at each destination.

Part of the preparation for this is offering special tour packages such as Guam-CNMI seven-day package; Guam-CNMI-Palau-Yap 14-day package; and Guam-CNMI-FSM 14-day package.

He disclosed that cruise ship owners from source markets have expressed a "high level of interest" in the proposal to make Micronesia the transpacific home port for their small and midsize cruise ships.

For repeat travelers, Mesa said "new destinations" are effective attractions.

He pointed out, though, that the success of this plan also depends on existing and future immigration policies to be enforced by each government.

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FROM FISCAL YEARS 2006-2010

NMI childcare program received $11M in federal funds

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The CNMI Child Care program received over $11 million in federal funding assistance in the last six years, with each year posting a slight over the previous year's allotment, based on data obtained by *Saipan Tribune*.

Administered by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, these grants were awarded through the Child Care and Development Block Grant from fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

Data showed that the CNMI recorded a slight increase in the federal assistance it received in the last six years, with the biggest amount, $1.9 million, posted in fiscal year 2009—the same funding level for the current fiscal year.

The Commonwealth also received $1.8 million in 2010 for the child care program under the American Reinvestment Recovery Act.

For fiscal years 2007 and 2008, the program was given over $3.6 million or $1.8 million for each fiscal year. This figure is a slight increase from FY 2006's $1.7 million.

According to DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao, the CCDBG Act specifies that total funding for all territories—American Samoa, CNMI, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—shall not exceed 0.5 percent of total CCDBG funds appropriated.

The allocated funds for specific territories are in accordance with their respective needs.

Faisao said the CNMI has been fortunate to get a higher funding compared to other U.S territories.

"The CNMI has fared exceedingly well under the discretionary funding scheme, receiving nearly $2 million in annual discretionary funds in 2009 as well as nearly $2 million in ARRA funds. This is more funding than the Virgin Islands, and nearly as much as some states," he said.

Faisao pointed out that the department's objectives in the child care program are in line with the administration's visions and goals to assist low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance, and those transforming from public assistance in obtaining child care so they can work or attend training and education.

Faisao disclosed that DCCA has expended and obligated close to 89 percent of the funding for various projects and subsidy programs for qualified recipients.

There are 34 licensed childcare centers in the Commonwealth. However, only 22 are qualified recipients of the childcare subsidy program, funded by the Child Care Development Fund and ARRA funds.

Records also show that there are total of 29 relative care or family care providers, while over 600 children are being served by the program—over 250 children in regularly funded childcare centers and over 350 children in childcare centers that receive ARRA funding.

Faisao explained that relative care providers are exempted from certain requirements but they are required to undergo background check and other requirements and must undergo Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale System, which is performed by qualified DCCA Childcare subsidy staffers.

Guam awarded an additional $2M for snake control efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam will be getting an additional $2 million to enhance current efforts at controlling the island's brown tree snake population, according to Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta yesterday.

The ongoing BTS Control program, carried out by DOI's Office of Insular Affairs, is an operational and research program designed to prevent the dispersal of this invasive species from Guam to other areas. The additional funding will be used to enhance current BTS operations in Guam, i.e., trapping and bait delivery methods, facility renovations, and a public awareness campaign.

"Guam's ecosystem has been devastated by the brown tree snake and it is important to address this invasive species on the island without it spreading and destroying other island communities," said Babauta. "Eventually we want to be able to move towards a more robust strategy of reintroducing Guam's native bird species, but in the meantime the additional funding will assist Guam prepare for the increased commercial activity attributed to the realigning of U.S. forces in the near future."

The additional, reprogrammed, funding was made at the request of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and approved by relevant committees in the U.S. Congress.

"I thank Secretary Salazar and Assistant Secretary Babauta for their initiative to enhance the BTS program on Guam," said Guam Rep. Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU). "In the past the BTS program has primarily been focused on eradication and controlling the spread to other islands in our region and affecting their delicate ecosystems. The additional funding from the Department of the Interior is an important step to more comprehensively address the problems posed by brown tree snakes on Guam. This funding will allow our local and federal agencies to focus on integrating strategies for the rejuvenation of threatened species, like the ko'ko' or Guam Rail, an important symbol of our community." ***(DOI)***

Abramoff's new job: Selling pizza

BALTIMORE (AP)—Disgraced Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff has landed a job at a kosher pizzeria in Baltimore soon after his release from prison.

The owner of Tov Pizza, Ron Rosenbluth, said Abramoff began working there Monday. He is learning about the business and will eventually help with marketing. Abramoff is an orthodox Jew.

"I think people get a second chance," Rosenbluth told *The Baltimore Sun*. "If they do their time, they deserve a chance." Rosenbluth would not disclose Abramoff's salary.

The owner of the 26-year-old kosher pizzeria said a friend told him about Abramoff's need for a job as part of his release from prison, and Rosenbluth decided to hire him.

Abramoff, a one-time $750-an-hour lobbyist, had been serving what was initially a six-year sentence at a federal prison camp in Cumberland, Md., for defrauding clients and conspiring to bribe public officials. He was released this month after serving about 3 1/2 years for fraud, corruption and conspiracy. The former Washington power broker's activities led to the conviction of a congressman, Rep. Bob Ney, an Ohio Republican, as well as legislative aides and others ensnared in what came to be called a "culture of corruption" on Capitol Hill.

He reported to a halfway house run by a nonprofit that arranged the job. The restaurant owner says he has hired halfway house residents before and he thinks Abramoff could bring traffic to his 26-year-old business.

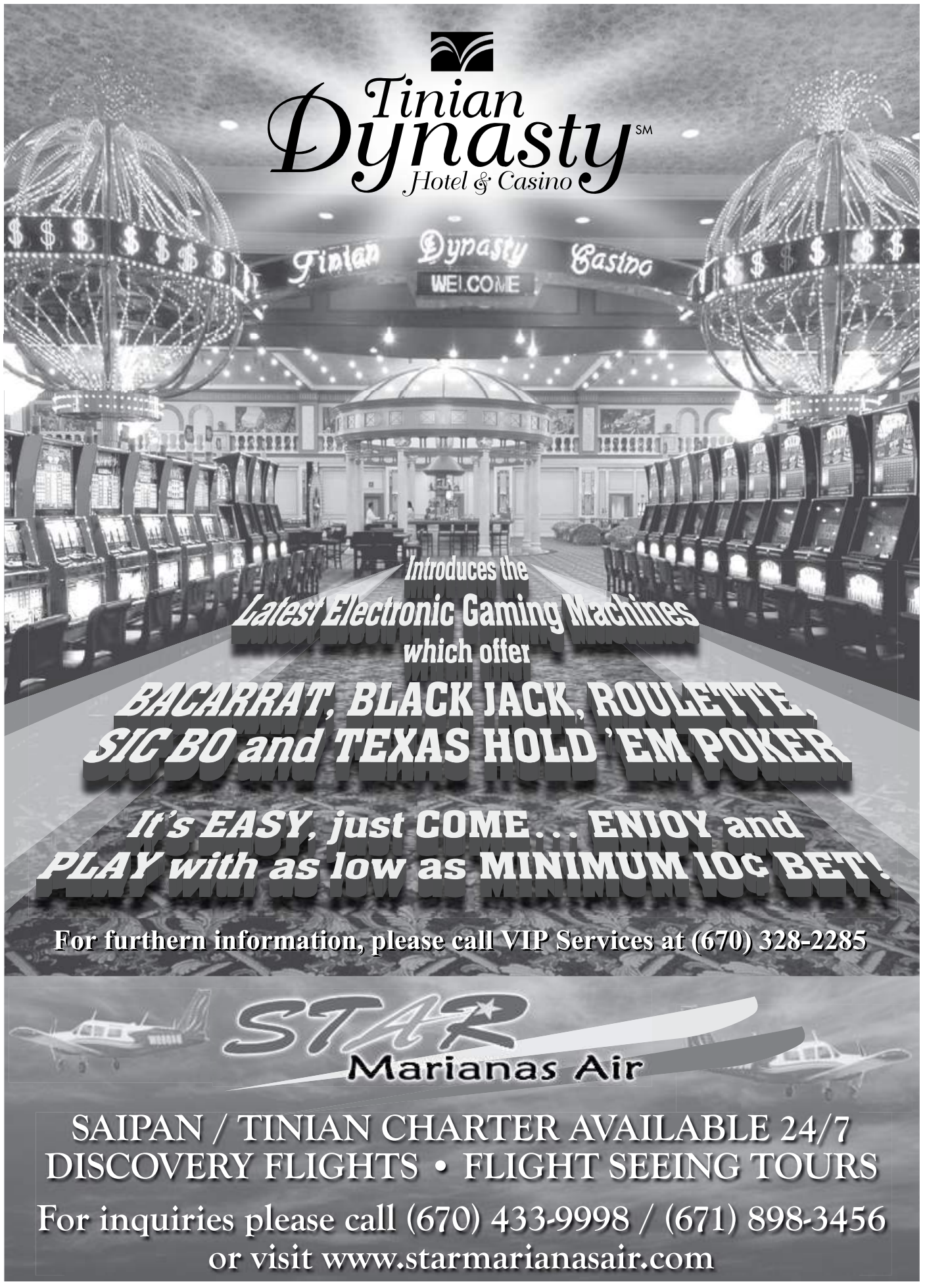
Officials with the halfway house and the federal prisons bureau said Abramoff's brief stopover at the halfway house is not unusual.

"We have individuals that go directly home without spending a single night," said Bill Cimino, community corrections manager for the Bureau of Prisons.

Cimino said Abramoff is required to report back to the halfway house several times a week to attend classes and perform other requirements, such as drug testing or any programs that are part of the conditions of his transition plan.

"He is still serving his sentence," Cimino said.

Abramoff qualified for home detention because he has gainful employment and a residence that passed an agency inspection. Cimino would not say if Abramoff is living at the Silver Spring, Md., home that was his residence at the time of his conviction, and would only say that the former lobbyist was "working at a food establishment." ***(AP, The Baltimore Sun)***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Tomokane talks about seeing his artwork at US Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Aaron Tomokane and his teacher-adviser, Peter Aldan, were here last week to participate in official events for the winners of this year's Congressional Arts Competition. Students from most of the 441 congressional districts around the country compete to have their art displayed at the U.S. Capitol for a year. Tomokane, a Kagman High School junior, is this year's winner from the Northern Mariana Islands, selected from about two dozen contestants by a panel of local artists.

While at the office of U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), Tomokane and Aldan talked about their experience and about the role of art in education.

Question: What was your reaction when you saw the art downstairs from all 50 states and the territories?

Peter Aldan: Hard to believe that students did that work. The quality, the professionalism, everything was there, evident. I'm glad that we were able to see that and he's able to see, also, what the rest of the world does for art. That was a good learning experience for both of us.

Q: Were you inspired by what you saw? Or did you see things that were surprising to you?

Aaron Tomokane: I was surprised by a lot of them. I didn't know that teenagers my age could do a lot of stuff that I saw. And I'd advise my fellow classmates or peers that whoever would join this competition next year to not have second thoughts about it. Just go for it. Don't think about it. Just do it. Because there's a lot of amazing stuff that can happen through art.

Peter Aldan: I'm going to expand on Aaron's response: to take every opportunity that comes at you. Because whether it's a competition or not. There's still an opportunity there to express yourself and to make a difference, to make some kind of a change, to give an impression to somebody else.

Q: Aaron, can you think of anything specifically that surprised you that you saw in the art downstairs?

Like the different ways that people can do art. Like with acrylics, oils, charcoal. I mean I only grew up using a pencil and a sharpie and that's the farthest I ever used. I'd like to try out the new stuff that I haven't done yet.

Q: Have you been drawing for a long time?

Aaron Tomokane: I found out how to draw when I was in kindergarten. First year of school they asked us to draw in our journal and I drew dinosaurs eating people. You know, it was pretty good for a kindergartener.

Q: Do you get a lot of encouragement and help in the school system? Are there good art classes?

Aaron Tomokane: I've never taken an art class. I get a lot of encouragement from everyone that's seen the way I draw. And I thank a lot of them for that, because if it weren't for that I know I wouldn't even think about doing this whole thing. Mr. Aldan was the one who told me about this.

Q: And he advised you?

Aaron Tomokane: Yeah, how to fulfill the theme for the drawing.

Peter Aldan: I haven't had the chance to have [Aaron] as a student. But in the two years that I've been teaching [at Kagman] I always ask around and I find out through the word of mouth from students that Aaron is one of the guys that everybody asks to draw something for art—if they want something drawn they will check Aaron.

So when I was aware of the contest I approached him and told him that this was something that he really ought to think about doing.

We went through about a week and a half of just brainstorming, coaching, and getting him to finalize, and narrow his ideas.

Q: Is there anything you would have done differently?

Aaron Tomokane: Took my time. I did it in, what, three hours.

Peter Aldan: Well three hours is physical labor, but mental labor can last days. There is a lot of outlining and planning prior to that. Once we had it laid down and he knew exactly what he wanted, it was a matter of dishing it out within a couple of class periods.

Q: Do you start with the whole picture in your mind? Or do you just start drawing and develop the idea as it emerges on the paper?

Aaron Tomokane: Usually, when I do it, it tends to not turn out the way I first imagined the whole idea. But later on I just do it little by little and that's how it builds, builds and then little by little it all works out together at the end.

Q: What was the first part of your drawing?

Aaron Tomokane: The first part was the fire, the fire place, and then the clouds, and then that's when I drew the coconut tree with the guy climbing it. And then Serena with her hair. And that's when I started adding on all those, like the proa, Chief Aghurub, Taga, the Chamorro house, and then when I put everything together that's when I put the final ink.

Q: You started with the campfire and the people

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Peter Aldan, left, art teacher at Kagman High School, 2010 Congressional Arts Competition winner Aaron Tomokane, center, a junior at KHS; and U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) admire Tomokane's work, "Roots," now hanging at the U.S. Capitol for a year, along with student art from the other 441 congressional districts.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-031
TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the "Tank Cleaning & Replacement" at its Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. The work under this RFP is divided into two separate projects so that CUC will have the opportunity to select more than one Offeror and provides for expedited project completion if it finds that would be in the best interest of CUC. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs:

A. Project 1:
A. 1. Cleaning of tanks 101 and 102 (588,000 USG , each), used for diesel fuel storage;
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A. 3. Cleaning of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), used for used oil storage;
A. 4. Cleaning of tank 108 B (4,678 USG), used for lube oil storage.

B. Project 2:
B. 1. Disposal of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), after cleaning and replacement with a new shop fabricated tank of similar size/dimension to fit the available foundation base;
B. 2. Disposal tank 108 B (4,678 USG), after cleaning;
B. 3. Disposal tank 101 A and 102 (588,000 USG each), after cleaning if upon inspection it is not Economically viable to repair the tank.

RFP Deadlines and Highlights:

- Proposal Submission - **One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP- 10-031 "TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NO. 1"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **July 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.
- The Scope-of-Work will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until July, 14, 2010.**
- A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **July 01, 2010 at 9:30 AM** CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan.
- Submission of questions and clarifications must be submitted in writing via email no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **July 16, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.
- A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposal. A Performance and Payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Offeror.

Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive Offeror, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-065

"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at San Vicente Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $62.80.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. at San Vicente School Cafeteria in San Vicente, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-065, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, July 21, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 23, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on July 21, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 21, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2010.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

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around the campfire telling stories.

Aaron Tomokane: Actually, it was the father telling the story to the two kids, a son and daughter. That was the theme so that was what I really wanted to fulfill.

Q: A lot of schools around the country are cutting art programs, but apparently PSS has decided to put more money into art, because you've gotten a grant of Recovery Act funds to set up a pottery studio at Kagman High School. As an art teacher, what's your vision of the role of art in the school system?

Peter Aldan: I'm aware that across the nation, across the world that art was one of those subjects that maybe wasn't taken seriously at first. But recently there has been some kind of a renaissance in bringing it back. Because in every subject, everything that we do, art is there. And it's because of the arts that we're able to understand diagrams, charts, tables—illustrations are sometimes easier to understand than the actual words.

Q: Do all the students at Kagman High School get a chance to be in an art class at some point in their high school years?

Peter Aldan: The art class there is an elective. It falls under vocational education or, now, the career technical education, CTE. It's not a grade level course. I have classes where, from ninth to twelfth grade, everyone is classmates with each other. Most of them come in early and a lot come in later on during their senior year after they've fulfilled all their credits.

But also within the first couple years I've managed to be able to address them by offering an Introduction to Art, and then in Art II we focus on a certain medium, printmaking. Hopefully with the grant, there'll be an Art III class for the even more experienced and those who really want to take on the challenge.

Q: Peter, what words of encouragement do you have for other aspiring artists in the Marianas?

Peter Aldan: My words of encouragement would be keep on doing what you're doing. Because just as there are millions of different people in the world, there are a million different views and expressions, cultures, people, ideas, mentalities—and each one is entitled to that. So your work—whether you see it as fine art or something that's scratched onto a wall—is still your art work. Not that I'm promoting graffiti or anything. But I'm saying whatever form it comes in, stick with it.

Q: Aaron, will you be participating again next year?

Aaron Tomokane: Oh, yeah. So they have to go up against me. I'm sorry. ***(PR)***

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 24, 1999

DPL, Rota Resort strike deal on lease extension

The Division of Public Lands has struck an agreement with the Rota Resort and Country Club regarding its request for a 15-year lease extension, but the deal has to be approved first by the Board of Public Lands and the Legislature. Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio, chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, yesterday expressed hope that it will finally resolve the differences between the two sides to push a plan by lawmakers to grant the extension. "They have come very close to addressing pending problems, particularly the lawsuits," the representative said in an interview.

Tenorio weighs Aldan's re-appointment to BPL

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday backed the re-appointment of former Board of Public Lands chairman, Tomas B. Aldan, but expressed doubts whether his nomination will be approved by the Senate. "He's still a candidate," the governor told reporters when asked about Aldan's fate following his departure as chair of the policy-making body early this month. Tenorio said he would meet with the bank executive first to find out about his plans "because one time he indicated that he might be running for office." Likewise, the local chief executive also has to weigh the sentiments of the members of the Senate before submitting his appointment for confirmation

June 24, 2002

Tobacco settlement law races against time

The CNMI has only six days left before a July 1 deadline to enact the measure that would amend the local law governing the $206-billion Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. The Senate on Thursday passed House Bill 13-134, and it now goes before acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente for passage. Once he signs it into law, this will ensure the Commonwealth's continued receipt of its share in the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, amounting to $30 million spread over the next 25 years.

New MVA chief touts market diversification

Newly-appointed Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director Jonas Ogren said he hopes to further diversify the Commonwealth's tourism market by tapping the Southeast Asian and European countries, besides Japan, Korea and China. Ogren said that, while he believes that Japan and Korea would continue to be the CNMI's major tourism markets, there is a need to diversify so that the CNMI could weather the impact of possible recessions in these areas. "Korea and Japan have traditionally been the strongest [markets] for the CNMI. I believe that it will continue to be that way simply because it's fairly easy to travel for Koreans and Japanese to the CNMI. [They are] close [and] the travel time is very short," Ogren said.

June 24, 2003

FAA is urging noise disclosure for Dandan homestead project

The U.S. Department of Transportation has ordered the Marianas Public Land Authority to take necessary steps such as noise easement and overflight instructions when the proposed Dandan III Homestead program near the Saipan International Airport proceeds. US-DOT-Federal Aviation Administration Project Engineer Gordon K. Wong told MPLA Deputy Commissioner Frank Eliptico that the proposed Dandan III Homestead Subdivision appears acceptable but a disclosure agreement and noise easement with property titling are necessary. This means that MPLA must inform all potential homesteaders about the noise level in the area and that they must be told not to build any structure that may constitute an airport hazard. Wong pointed out that the proposed homestead area, which is approximately 4.5 hectares, is located close to the airport.

'Rota casino initiative gaining acceptance'

Rota senators observe a growing acceptance of casinos entering the First Senatorial District, noting the encouraging trend of votes in favor of the casino initiative since it was first placed on the ballot in 1991. Without pronouncing their official positions on the initiative, Senate President Paul A. Manglona and Sen. Diego M. Songao said they would leave it up to the Rota people to decide if the island is now ready for casinos. Efforts are ongoing to place the casino initiative on the November 2003 election ballot-the fourth time since 1991. Rota voters were also asked the same question during election years 1993 and 1999, the Board of Elections confirmed yesterday.

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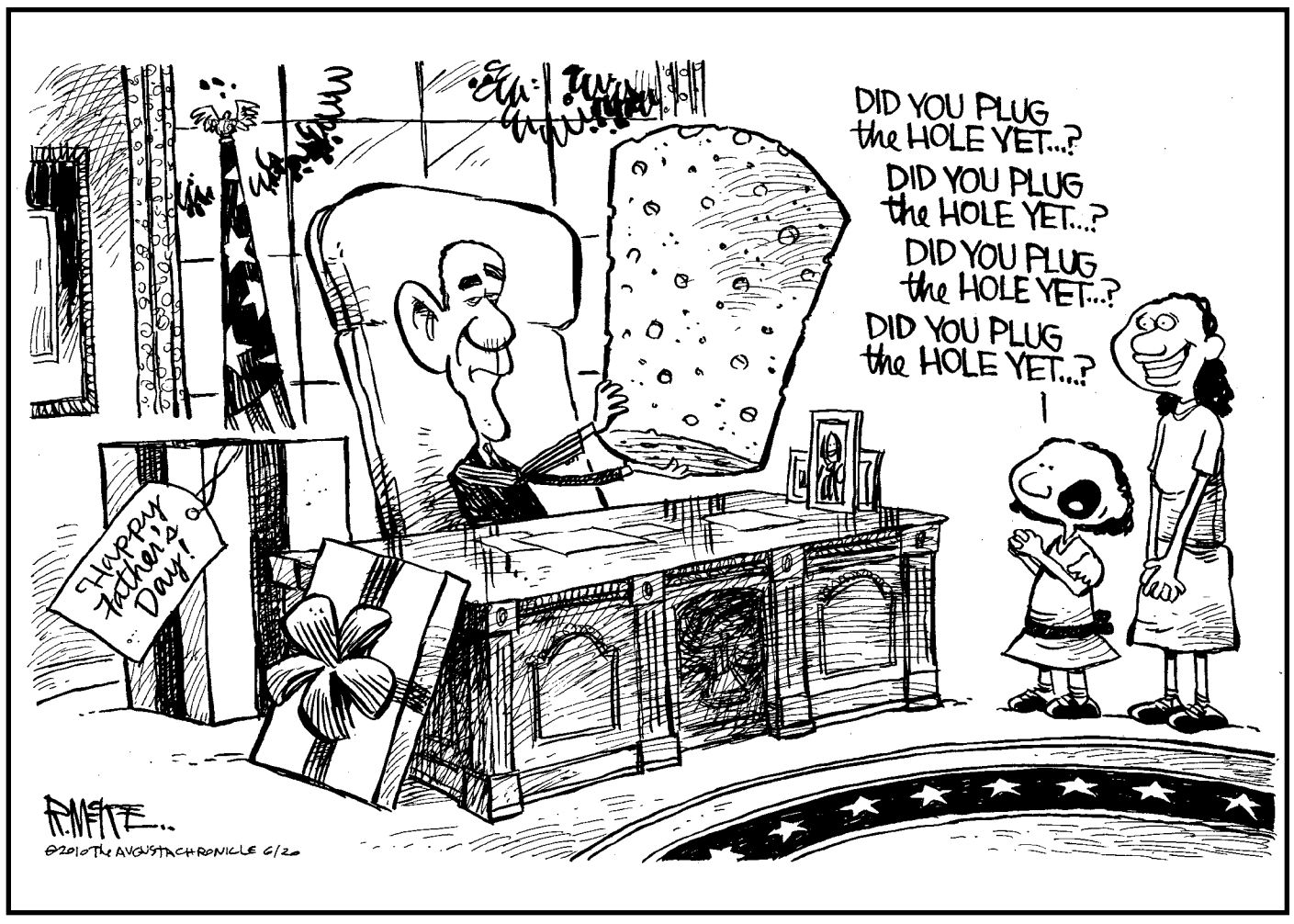
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An outrage even by Afghan standards

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KABUL, Afghanistan—The Taliban's execution of an 8-year-old accused of "collaborating" with foreign forces has proved too much even for Afghans hardened by three decades of fighting.

"Islam does not permit anyone to sentence a minor to execution," said Mawlawi Mehr Del, deputy head of the Muslim clerical council in Helmand. "It is against Islam, against sharia law. God may be extremely upset with them. Those who do something like this are neither jihadis nor Taliban, they are enemies of human life."

Islamic law prohibits the execution of anyone under 18. The Taliban's own code of conduct, drawn up by the movement two years ago, stipulates that no commander may order the execution of minors, and anyone disobeying this rule will face retribution.

But a senior Taliban member, Mullah Abdol Bari, suggested that code of conduct did not apply in Helmand.

"The code has been changed for Helmand because the number of infidels there has increased, and the Taliban don't have the time to hold trials," he said. That meant that local commanders in Helmand province are allowed to use their own discretion to pass judgment on people accused of spying and punish them accordingly.

Eyewitnesses said the execution of the child, named Delawar, took place in a garden near his home in the village of Heratian in the Sangin district of Helmand province. About a dozen men took part in the hanging death of the child, who they accused of spying for British forces.

Sangin resident, Taza Gol, 60, said the boy screamed for his parents as the militants put a rope around his neck.

"I am very scared," he said. "The Taliban had suspended such executions, but now they have started again. Who knows how many more will be executed without trial." The child's father, Abdol Qodus, who initially reported that the Taliban had killed his son, now claims "ghosts" killed his son. Abdol Qodus has declined to talk further.

The child's grandfather, Naqibollah, said his son, Abdol Qodus, is afraid to leave his house for fear the Taliban will kill him for reporting his son's murder to authorities.

Naqibollah also claimed there was actually another motive behind the execution. He claimed that his grandson was killed because the child's father was too poor to pay the $600 local Taliban commanders had attempted to extort from him.

"Abdol Qodus's relationship with the Taliban had got worse recently," Naqibollah said. "For this reason, the Taliban asked him for money as a tithe, but he didn't have the money. The regional Taliban commander, Hajji Malem, was upset with him and then hanged his son the next day under the pretext he was spying."

Leaders of the Alokozai tribe, to which the dead child's family belong, demanded that the Taliban provide an explanation for the boy's death.

"If the Taliban do not have reliable evidence, then the Alokozai tribe will take a stand against the Taliban. Should they treat the Alokozai in this manner again, severe action will be taken against them," the statement said.

Faruq Nangialai, 35, a resident of Lashkargah, said he spoke for many in the region when he condemned the lynching.

"As a result of this action, people have developed an extreme

See AN OUTRAGE on next page

An analysis of the proposed Saipan Casino Control Act

By RAMON BLAS CAMACHO
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Editor's Note: The following is Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon Blas Camacho's testimony on House Bill 17-56, the proposed Saipan Casino Control Act of 2010, at the June 11, 2010, public hearing conducted by the House Committee on Commerce & Tourism. Due to its length, it is being published as a six-part series.

Fourth of a six-part series

HB 17-56 also purports to echo the voices of a "majority of our people [who] are strongly against poker establishment in the villages and…want them out." But, instead of reminding the people of Saipan who have overwhelmingly rejected casino gaming in past referenda, section 2 of this proposal used the so-called "majority" opposition to poker arcades in the inner villages, near schools and churches to take away the statutory authority of the Department of Commerce and the Department of Finance and give the commission the regulatory power and authority over the licensing of all existing and new poker, pachinko slot machine and related games already addressed in existing statutes henceforth. The same provision also takes away the ability of foreign investors to invest in these amusement machines, as only persons of NMD or U.S. local residents are qualified to be issued licenses to own and operate these amusement machines or establishment as referenced in Article 21 of HB 17-56. Presumably, this is an effort to centralize all video poker arcades, panchinko slot machines and related games referenced in Article 21 in the single "Mini Casino" arcade at La Fiesta or in areas or properties approved by the commission and the Saipan zoning board, as expressly authorized only for NMDIC in article III, section 2 (b) of this Act.

Moreover, the same article obligates future legislatures and Third Senatorial District legislative delegations to enact an omnibus legislation to vest all regulatory authority to the Saipan Casino Commission within a year or 12 months after the effective date of this Act.

Another peculiar provision limiting amendments to HB 17-56 upon it becoming law is referenced in Article 22, Section 3, which states:" Unless otherwise authorize by this Act, any proposed amendment to "Saipan Casino Act" shall be approved or disapproved by the registered voters only in the Third Senatorial District through local initiative." In essence, this provision conceivably gives the gaming commission *de facto* rulemaking, enforcement and judicial power and authority as an agency of government beyond casino gaming in the Third Senatorial District, and way beyond the policy-making arm or reach of the local legislative delegation, the Saipan municipal council, or even the mayor's office!

The provision above is especially telling given the ubiquitous power and authority the commission would have amassed and exercised in regulating, enforcing, interpreting and ruling on provisions of law, for instance. In this multifaceted role, it is expected the commission would be entitled to a substantial sum and percentage of the levies (fee and tax) collected as local revenue pursuant to 4 CMC 1304(a)(b) and 1 CMC 1402(c)(1), among others, consisting of casino application fee, casino license fee, casino operators permit fees, casino key employee and casino employee license fees, casino service providers and industries license fees, casino taxes and all other permit fee(s), fines, penalties and taxes (e.g., Saipan gaming tax, annual gross revenue surtax, and casino revenue tax).

Interestingly, Article 21, section 8 makes jackpot winnings inside a casino licensed under this act to not pay the jackpot tax imposed in 4 CMC 1505. Similarly, Article 20, section 2(b) provides key incentive to shelter these amusement machines in a centralized location, such as in a casino establishment, as the numerical limitation in 4 CMC 1503, 1504, 1506(a) and 1507 do not apply to amusement and poker machines.

A peculiar provision over the right of entry by law enforcement officers in Article XLX is the restriction imposed on premises within the casino establishment that is inaccessible to the public. That is, law enforcement officers are disallowed entry on non-public premises without warrant, notice or explanation. Entry is barred unless consent is secured from "any person having control over such area, or at the request of any person inspecting such area on behalf of the commission or as authorized by law (re Article 10, section 1)."

When it comes to budgetary allocation, HB 17-56 overtly discriminates wholly against three of four existing agencies of local government established pursuant to Article VI of the Constitution. Of the four agencies of local government established in the NMI Constitution—namely, the Saipan Mayor's Office, the Northern Islands Mayor's Office, the Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council and the Governor's Council—only the Saipan Mayor's Office is provided operational and programmatic funding and the Casino Commission, in addition to the new agency of local government, the Saipan Municipal Treasury Office. Not only is HB 17-56 discriminatory in allocating casino revenues only to the Saipan mayor and the municipally treasury, but also excludes the Saipan council from any direct or indirect appropriation, the Office of the Northern Islands Mayor and the Governor's Council, a forum provided for in the Constitution allowing the respective mayors and municipal councils to directly consult and work in concert with the governor on local municipal matters.

Ramon Blas Camacho is chairman of the Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council.

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Surfing for business

No, I'm not talking about teaching people how to catch the next wave. Instead, I'm referring to the future wave that will have more of an impact on your business success as millions of net-savvy surfers continue to use the Internet to find, shop and buy from local and international businesses.

Saipan businesses have been able to get along fairly well by just floating their Web site or not even having a net-presence because most of their competitors are also not doing much on the Internet. However, that's changing. With 235 million Internet users in the U.S. and 1.8 billion worldwide the Web is becoming easier, faster and more reliable for people to find what they need. It's estimated that, on average, 40 percent of the online population has made an online purchase, with South Korea leading the way with 99 percent of their online shoppers making a purchase over the Internet.

Online shopping trends are showing a consistent rise, with many experts predicting that online shopping will continue to rise at an alarming rate. A study by Avenue A/Rasorfish.blog indicated that there are sweeping changes in the behavior of Internet consumers as more people use the Internet to get current news (91 percent), read blogs (70 percent), and watch videos (67 percent) or TV shows online (71 percent).

Here are some more interesting bits of information from studies and articles. The mother-of-all-search-engines, Google, Inc., recently stated that it generated $54 BILLION in U.S. economic activity in 2009 because more businesses have turned to online advertising as the economy slowed down. That's more than double the $23.7 BILLION they reported the previous year.

According to ZenithOptimedia, advertising on the Internet is forecast to rise from 13 percent to 17 percent in 2012. One of the factors causing this shift in ad dollars is the ability to specifically track results and know precisely the return on investment. Many businesses are diverting their advertising budget away from traditional advertising and putting it into methods that allow them to track leads and sales.

Google uses a Pay Per Click (PPC) method of advertising that only charges an advertiser if someone clicks on a link that is listed prominently at the top or side of a search engine query. Google conservatively estimates that a business will see a return of $8 in profit for every $1 they spend on PPC. Can your local Yellow Page representative give you those odds or even make a rough guesstimate of how much your display ad will net you?

Speaking of Yellow Page advertising, the average small and medium-sized business used to spend nearly one quarter of their budget in a Yellow Pages directory; however, it has become one of the first advertising vehicles they decrease to try new mediums according to a 2006 survey by Spot Runner, an Internet-based ad agency. A 2009 Online Advertising Survey Report stated that 57 percent of businesses say they're spending more for online display advertising.

I discovered some interesting things as I "Googled" some of our local businesses. Not many have a Web site and very few list their business with Google maps—even though it's a free service that can help people find their location quickly. If a tourist is thinking about visiting a particular place, they won't' find much on the Internet. Some of the major hotels have not updated their information, and one beachside hotel is shown in the middle of the island, which could keep a free and independent traveler from booking a stay there if they want to be near the beach.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Even though we have several dentists and real estate agents, there is only one dentist and real estate company listed on Google maps, and even their information is lacking useful contact data. Have you checked your business listing to ensure that people can find you?

Just for an interesting exercise, pretend that you are a prospect looking for your business on the Internet and you go to your favorite search engine and type in some words to find what your business has to offer. Are you on the first page? If not, did you make it to the second or later pages? When it comes to page rankings, if you're not on the first page your website is basically invisible.

Two different studies state that between 95 and 98 percent of people will only look at the first 10 listings on the first page of a search engine. Either way, if you are not on the first page of Google or Yahoo when someone types in their search phrase, less than one in 20 will click on the second page to continue their search. As more people use the Internet to find what they want, it will become more imperative for you to stop "floating" on the Internet and start paddling to catch the wave of web surfers that want what you have to offer.

Micronesian Summit

Refalawasch Lino Olopai tells of one of the Caroline Islands' chief attending a U.N.-sponsored gathering where the participants were asked about their image of their sovereign domain. This was in preparation for dividing the region into component political units.

One chief said: "Well, I climb the highest point of my island and look in all directions over the horizon, and what I see belongs to us." Fair enough. This was no different from stakeholders marking the boundaries of one's homestead in the Far West of the United States when they were tasked to horseback ride as far as they can until sundown to stake out the boundaries of their claimed domain.

Another chief reflectively said: "I remember chants that details ocean highways (*matawaal wool* goes up north through the Marianas), from my island to Tahiti and Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines, Australia and *Malacca*, *Bei Hai* and *Aotearoa,* and points in between. That is my operating universe."

"Have you been to all these places," the facilitator queried. The chief replied, "Not to all, but I know how to get there, and my ancestors have stories of how navigators traversed those highways without difficulties. Yes, we have affinity to our islands, but we also belong to the ocean as the ocean belongs to us."

Lino then relates how he learned which fishing gears were hung at the *utt* at what time of the year, and this was determined by the kind of fish that came to shore to spawn. There was no shortage of food from the sea, he remembers. We only had to learn what fish came nearshore and when, which told us what bigger fish followed at the deeper depths for the catching.

By the list of the executive officers attending the 13th Micronesian Summit on Saipan, the scattered lands have since been parceled out into political units—federated states, commonwealth, territory, and republics—with their corresponding executives. It might be well to remind the executives that nation-states are a creation of the colonial powers and are already passé. Unless the affected populations really participate in their continuing creation, they will either mimic the previous colonial masters, or worst, encrust the local oligarchy shown to be dysfunctional for popular democracy.

I lived in the Marshall Islands in the early '80s. A friend recalled how he used to catch tuna because his community knew their seasonal routes, and they were just "out there" gratuitously for the taking. "Oh, yes, I still eat tuna. It comes in a can from Yokohama. Uncle Sam gives me money to pay for it," he added.

The best among us who grieve over the rapid loss of collective wisdom, traditionally handed down from generation to generation, through elements of "culture" (and by that, they do not mean chewing betel nut with lime and a pepper vine leaf), are quietly bewailing the radical shift in our "operating universe" without being self-conscious about its loss, and being non-conversant about the new paradigm that replaced it.

That's where the task of education and learning comes in. The new paradigm that we have taken for granted comes from the temperate zone that requires homes to be built like bunkers, and in the tropical heat and typhoons, have to be air-conditioned, never mind that it costs tons of copra to afford a kilowatt of power. We then mimic the cultural trappings of another clime. We require neckties and jackets for official attire. Our public school pens are air-conditioned warehouses. Judges sashay to their chambers in black gowns (the *Guma Hustisia* is the best refuge from the heat, for those who wish to take a heat-break this summer), while grads troop down Commencement tableaus under sweltering heat in cap and gowns!

Roman de los Santos' book on *Teacher Education in the Marianas* remarks that he apprenticed to learn all the skills of a fisherman and learned to farm. Part of the learning was knowing where on island were abundant natural growth of fruits were, and when it was appropriate to gather them. We would add that if his formal education ever included the reflective capacity to identify the knowledge, skills and attitude he already had, how it might be applicable to the new requirements of the times, and whether the practices being introduced are relevant and appropriate to the population, he'd be into something.

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Mobility in Ebay of Kwajelain Atoll in the Marshall Islands—a mile-long 200 mile-wide piece of real estate, built for 600 people but houses 20 times that number of local residents—is by "taxi." Walking is a lost art, and diabetes is a popular homegrown ailment! Having an SUV on Saipan heightens one's status, and selling an elongated Humvee (replaces the ostentatious limo for the same gas mileage) to the celebrating tourists is a come-on. Bike-riding is contact sport. Eight-cylinder boonie pickups tickle our fancy and makes oil $heiks happy.

"We began with paid experts to tell us what industries to host," Lino echoes a common lament. "They started telling us what we needed, and before long, they began to tell us who we are and how to live our lives," he grimaces.

The executives are reportedly going to discuss issues of healthcare (how to connect with the new DC funding pipeline), tourism (let's get more *renminbi, won* and *yen* here), military buildup (Ike's military-industrial complex is still in place and aren't we lucky), and alternative energy (heaven forbid that a BP-spill should happen here but it is the rising ocean tide that might wipe out atolls, but meanwhile, let's harness the power of the wind, waves and the sun).

Not to worry. Each has paid experts to tell them what to do. As for me, I will keep biking the lagoon pathway, and let the experts figure out what needs to happen next!

AN OUTRAGE

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hatred of the Taliban. It is a great sin to do violence to a child, to hang him. If I were a judge, I would not forgive them for this act ... but would punish them severely," he said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Public hearings on Interior recommendations

When will it end, is the real question. If we are to accept the granting of permanent residency or citizenship to almost 20,000 foreign guest workers in the Commonwealth, what will happen 10 years from today? One of the proposals suggested by a close ally to the Virgin Islands before the U.S. Subcommittee hearing stated that a law granting permanent residency to 20,000 non-immigrant workers in 1982 took precedent. Again, the same question, what will happen in 10 years should another group of non-immigrant workers demand status? The same scenario or precedent will be used if we do not stand up today and voice our concerns.

The village public hearings now being conducted by our Legislature's Senate committee is critically and seriously important and I am urging each and every one of you to please attend the hearings and let your voices be heard. Remember that the beginning of this entire federal immigration control was concerning national security and border control. Today the concentration is on permanent residency and citizenship.

Gregorio Cruz
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The Weather

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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼80
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼79
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲58	▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲90	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85	▼82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92	▼83
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼54
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼81
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼74
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼56
Pusan	Sunny	▲79	▼70
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼63
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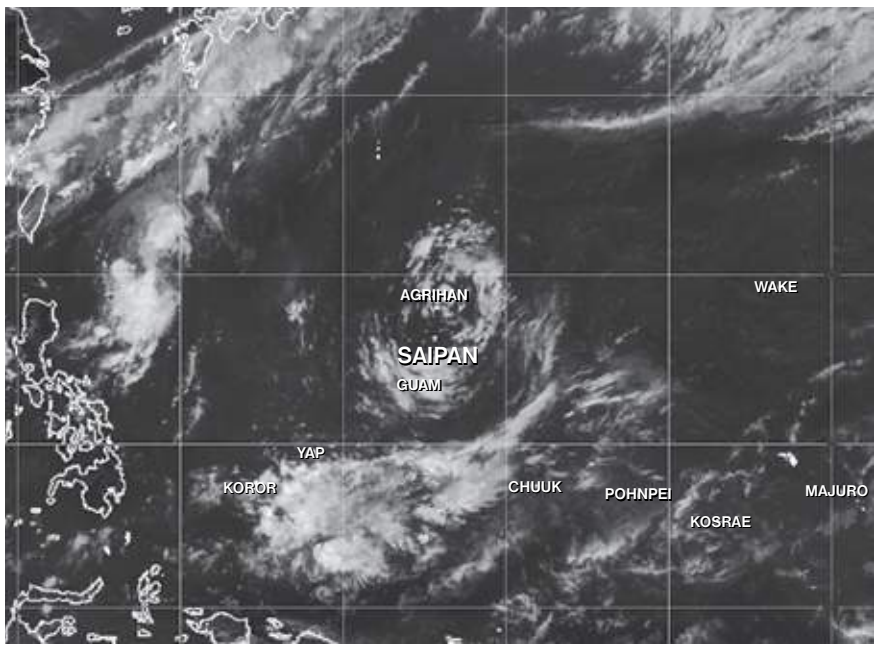
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered northeast of the Marianas at 19N146E. Upper-level divergence in the vicinity of the low is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the CNMI between 23N and 17N from 144E to 150E and over Guam and Rota between 16N and 12N from 141E to 147E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Palau and Yap between 9N and 2N from 134E to 143E and west of Chuuk between 9N and 5N from 145E to 149E Farther east, scattered showers are found east of the Marshall Islands within 120 miles of a line from 6N175E to 5N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:26 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
7:49 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:55 PM	3:29 AM
Friday	5:50 PM	4:21 AM
Saturday	6:43 PM	5:16 AM
Sunday	7:31 PM	6:11 AM
Monday	8:15 PM	7:04 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

NMC regents to continue training in working sessions

Members of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents will continue the boardsmanship training that was initiated by the Pacific Post-secondary Educational Council last week in Honolulu through working sessions for several consecutive weeks.

The regents are working out a plan to meet at the NMC campus on Saipan to continue their in-depth discussions about important and relevant issues related to their fiduciary roles as trustees of the college.

"The board members may have to meet on Saturdays, considering everyone's busy work and family schedules," said Janet King, chairperson of the NMC Board of Regents.

The first item the board members will tackle in depth is the role of governing boards in higher education. Among many objectives, the session will continue from the PPEC training and focus on board members' specific responsibilities to enhance the educational opportunities for CNMI residents as well as to build workforce capacity.

Further, they will discuss how the board, as a unit, can continue to develop and enhance its role in setting policy, employing and supporting the NMC president, acting as a bridge to the community, establishing a climate of professionalism, defining parameters for operations, and ensuring the continued fiscal health and stability of the college.

"To maximize the board's effectiveness, it is important that each individual board member is educated about the college and their roles as trustees," said King. "Board members already voluntarily devote much of their time to the college as trustees, but it was clear during the PPEC training that we are all very committed to continuing this important training."

NMC

Members of the NMC Board of Regents recently conducted self-evaluation discussions facilitated by PPEC's Larry Gamboa. Clockwise from left: Gamboa, Frank Rabauliman, Chair Janet King, Elaine Orilla, Interim President Lorraine Cabrera, Malua Peter, Paz Younis, and Andrew Orsini.

King indicated that the board members' participation in the weekend series of discussions is also part of NMC's efforts to meet accreditation standards.

ACCJC Standard IV.B.1.f states, "The governing board has a program for board development." Under this standard, in ACCJC's "Guide to Evaluating Institutions," ACCJC asks "What is the board's program for development and orientation [and] does the board development program address the board's need to learn about accreditation standards and expectations?"

Standard IV.B.1.j states, "The governing board is informed about and involved in the accreditation process." Under this standard, in ACCJC's "Guide to Evaluating Institutions," ACCJC asks, "What kinds of training are provided to the board about the accreditation process, and Commission standards?"

Other discussion topics that will be taken on by the Board of Regents include "Trusteeship," "Monitoring Institutional Quality and Effectiveness," "Effective Decision Making," "Ethics and Laws," "Board / CEO Relationships," "Board Self Evaluation," and "Accreditation." ***(NMC)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hopwood calendar of activities

■ Hopwood Junior High School will be having its summer school session from July 6, 2010, to Aug. 13, 2010. Classes will begin at 8am and will end at 12pm, Mondays to Thursdays. As food will not be provided for the students, parents are encouraged to provide snacks for their child. Buses will be provided for the duration of the program. Parents and guardians should have their children wait at the designated bus shelter for pick-up and drop-off.

■ Schedule for the Extended Year Program will also start on July 6, 2010, and end on Aug. 13, 2010. Time will also be from 8am to 12pm, Mondays to Thursdays.

■ Registration for all incoming HJHS students will begin on June 23, 2010, until July 23, 2010. For more information, contact registrar Ms. Terry at 237-3425 or 3421 from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. ***(PR)***

Liberation carnival weekend schedule

The hours of operation of the Liberation Day Carnival at the Garapan Fishing Base will be extended this weekend and next weekend. There will be bingo, rides, food and merchandise for sale on Saturdays, June 26 and July 3, from 12pm-12am, and on Sunday, June 27, from 12pm to 11pm. On Sunday, July 4, the carnival will be open all day. Parade starts in front of the National Office Supply at 10:30am to the festival grounds in Garapan.

NMC to host mini "Cash for College" workshop on Tinian

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a free mini "Cash for College" workshop aimed at helping students obtain financial assistance for college. This workshop will be hosted on the island of Tinian on Friday, June 25, 2010, in Room D at the NMC Tinian Instructional Site. Participants can stop by at anytime between the hours of 9am to 12pm.

Workshop attendees will receive personal assistance and guidance in completing financial aid forms for the CNMI Scholarship, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Tinian Municipal Scholarship, and other scholarships. NMC staff will also be present to assist new students with the enrollment and application process.

Participants are highly encouraged to bring a valid identification card, tax forms, proof of residency for 2008 and 2009, a proof of continuing residency, and an official high school transcript.

For more information, contact the offices of the NMC Tinian Instructional Site at 483-0649/0657. ***(NMC)***

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-066

"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR WSR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at WSR Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $60.10.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at WSR Cafeteria in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-066, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:30 a.m., local time, July 21, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:30 a.m. local time July 23, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:30 a.m. local time on July 21, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 21, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m., August 3, 2010.

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/s/ Robert Florian
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INVITATION FOR BID
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"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR KOBLERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at Koblerville Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $63.55.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Koblerville Elementary Cafeteria in Koblerville, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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Nearly 400 attend NMC Cash for College workshop

Almost 400 individuals looking for means to fund their pursuit of higher education attended the Northern Marianas College's third Cash for College workshop this past Saturday. Participants were assisted in filling out applications for the CNMI Scholarship Office, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Hourly presentations were also conducted on the College Access Challenge Project scholarships, the Gates Millennium Scholarships, and the educational benefits available to military personnel and their immediate family members.

The free workshop took place at NMC's Building A, which houses 13 classrooms, most of which were used for the workshop. It ran from 9am to 3pm, with participants showing up anytime in between.

"We are very pleased with the turnout at the workshop," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "It's wonderful to see that many people, from new high school graduates to people ten years out of high school, are taking the initiative to pursue higher education."

Earlier this month, NMC hosted a miniature version of the workshop for graduating seniors at Kagman High School.

"We look forward to working with the other CNMI high schools in being able to conduct mini workshops at their respective campuses," added Cabrera.

The Cash for College workshop was made possible by funds from the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant Program. ***(NMC)***

NMC
Students navigate through the traffic hallway of NMC's building A as students rush to receive assistance for financial aid and scholarships.

NMC
Cash for College Workshop chair and coordinator Daisy Propst smiles for the camera.

NMC
Staff member Chrislaine Pangelinan assists students on information about the CNMI Scholarship program.

NMC
An NMC Ambassador presents information about the College Access Challenge Project program.

NMC
NMC staff member Joy Limes assists a student in filling out a scholarship form for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance.

NMC
NMC Tinian program coordinator Maria Aguon usher students into the building where the workshop was being held.

NMC
NMC faculty member Sam McPhetres and other volunteers were responsible for helping to notarize documents.

NMC
NMC faculty member Ed Camacho speaks to a student about the College's SROTC program.

NMC
An NMC staff member assists students in filling up the forms.

Business

Judge lifts offshore drilling ban as 'overbearing'

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A federal judge struck down the Obama administration's six-month ban on deepwater oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico as rash and heavy-handed Tuesday, saying the government simply assumed that because one rig exploded, the others pose an imminent danger, too.

The White House promised an immediate appeal. The Interior Department had imposed the moratorium last month in the wake of the BP disaster, halting approval of any new permits for deepwater projects and suspending drilling on 33 exploratory wells.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said President Barack Obama believes that until investigations can determine why the spill happened, continued deepwater drilling exposes workers and the environment to "a danger that the president does not believe we can afford."

Several companies that ferry people and supplies and provide other services to offshore rigs argued that the moratorium was arbitrarily imposed after the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers and blew out a well 5,000 feet underwater. It has spewed anywhere from 67 million to 127 million gallons of oil.

U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman, who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan and has owned stock in a number of petroleum-related companies, sided with the plaintiffs.

"If some drilling equipment parts are flawed, is it rational to say all are?" he asked. "Are all airplanes a danger because one was? All oil tankers like Exxon Valdez? All trains? All mines? That sort of thinking seems heavy-handed, and rather overbearing."

Medvedev to tour Silicon Valley, seek investors

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's Dmitry Medvedev visits Silicon Valley for the first time on Wednesday, eager to reinvent his country's outmoded, oil-dependent economy—and lure talent and money from the high-tech capital.

Two years into his presidency, the 44-year-old, tech-savvy Kremlin chief still lives in the shadow of his predecessor Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, but that hasn't stopped him from strenuously pursuing pet projects, the most grandiose of which is the creation of Russia's own Silicon Valley outside Moscow.

But to succeed, Medvedev knows he needs to attract some of the best minds and investors in the United States to a project that many Russian businessmen are already skeptical about.

"The future of our country, and its competitiveness on international markets, to a large degree depends upon the results of cooperating with foreign companies and universities," the Russian president told an international business forum in St. Petersburg last week.

On Tuesday, Medvedev touched down in San Francisco where he was greeted by California first lady Maria Shriver and former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. They were scheduled to attend a reception along with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Tuesday night at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel.

While in California, Medvedev will also meet with Twitter's founders, and give a speech at Stanford University. He will then fly to Washington to meet President Barack Obama, and from there the two will go to Toronto for the G-8 and G-20 summits.

Obama administration urges caution on deficit cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's top economic advisers are urging America's major economic allies not to sacrifice economic growth to efforts to trim budget deficits.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Lawrence Summers, head of the president's National Economic Council, said the president will stress at upcoming global economic meetings the need for balanced growth and strong reform of the financial system.

The two advisers, writing in The Wall Street Journal, said that it will be important to make sure that economic stimulus is not withdrawn too quickly.

"We must demonstrate a commitment to reducing long-term deficits, but not at the price of short-term growth," Geithner and Summers wrote in the opinion piece, which was appearing Wednesday ahead of weekend talks in Canada of the leaders of the Group of 20 major industrial nations.

"Without growth now, deficits will rise further and undermine future growth," Geithner and Summers wrote.

The two advisers echoed points that Obama had made last week cautioning other G-20 countries that they needed to be careful and not withdraw stimulus spending too quickly.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fed to keep rates low to support weak recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—To sustain the fragile economic rebound, the Federal Reserve is sure to leave interest rates at record lows and is likely to repeat a pledge to keep them there for a while. The Fed ends a two-day meeting Wednesday with policymakers having cause for optimism as well as caution. The economy has been growing again for nearly a year. Manufacturing activity is picking up. Businesses are spending more. And Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has expressed confidence that the nation won't fall back into a "double dip" recession. At the same time, the recovery remains vulnerable to threats: Europe's debt crisis, an edgy Wall Street, cautious consumers, a fragile housing market and high unemployment.

Madoff's ex-finance chief released on bail in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—The former finance chief for jailed financier Bernard Madoff was released on $10 million bail Tuesday, months after he admitted his role in an epic fraud that cost thousands of investors billions of dollars and agreed to cooperate with investigators. Just a few hours after Frank DiPascali left U.S. District Court in Manhattan without speaking to reporters, prosecutors revealed they had filed civil papers to recoup $5 million from two longtime former back office Madoff employees who have never been charged criminally. DiPascali, 53, was freed according to the terms of a bail package that a judge had set in February. He pleaded guilty in August to helping with Madoff's multi-decade Ponzi scheme until it collapsed in late 2008, when Madoff revealed to his sons that his private investment business was a fraud and they notified the FBI.

Group will sue McDonald's over Happy Meal toys

WASHINGTON (AP)—Are the toys in your child's Happy Meal making him fat? The Center for Science in the Public Interest says they are. The Washington-based consumer advocacy group threatened to file a lawsuit against McDonald's Tuesday, charging that the fast food chain "unfairly and deceptively" markets the toys to children. "McDonald's marketing has the effect of conscripting America's children into an unpaid drone army of word-of-mouth marketers, causing them to nag their parents to bring them to McDonald's," CSPI's Stephen Gardner wrote to the heads of the chain in a letter announcing the lawsuit. The center, which has filed dozens of lawsuits against food companies in recent years, is hoping the publicity and the threat of a lawsuit will force McDonald's to negotiate with them on the issue.

Nation

US general in Afghan war at risk of losing his job

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama rebuked his Afghanistan war commander for "poor judgment" Tuesday and considered whether to fire him in the most extraordinary airing of military-civilian tensions since Harry Truman stripped Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his command a half-century ago.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal is prepared to submit his resignation at a meeting with Obama on Wednesday at the White House, two military officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Obama summoned McChrystal to explain disparaging comments about his commander in chief and Obama's top aides. The meeting was a last-ditch moment for the general once considered the war's brightest hope.

AP

In this May 10, 2010 file photo, Commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan Gen. Stanley McChrystal, and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl W. Eikenberry brief reporters ahead of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's visit at the White House.

If not insubordination, the remarks in a forthcoming Rolling Stone magazine article were at least an indirect challenge to civilian management of the war in Washington by its top military commander.

"I think it's clear that the article in which he and his team appeared showed a poor—showed poor judgment," the president said, surrounded by members of his Cabinet at the close of their meeting. "But I also want to make sure that I talk to him directly before I make any final decisions."

Immigration vote stirs emotions in Neb. town

FREMONT, Neb. (AP)—While busy running a general store that caters to the growing number of Latinos in this Nebraska meatpacking town, Alfredo Velez had new concerns Tuesday after his neighbors voted for an ordinance to crack down on illegal immigrants.

To Velez, the vote a day earlier in Fremont to ban hiring or renting property to illegal immigrants sent a clear message: "We're not welcome here," said Velez, a native of Mexico who became a U.S. citizen in 1985.

As a business owner, though, he worried about his store, Guerrero, which sells food and other products from Mexico and Central America.

"How much more in taxes am I going to have to pay for this thing to go to court?" wondered Velez, 56. "We're all going to have to pay for it, no matter what color our skin is."

With roughly 57 percent of voters supporting the ordinance, Fremont joins Arizona and a few other cities in the national debate over immigration regulations. The community about 35 miles northwest of Omaha has seen its Hispanic population surge in the past two decades, largely due to the jobs available at the nearby Fremont Beef and Hormel plants.

ACROSS THE NATION

Cops: NY man kills infant son, is shot by troopers

VIENNA, N.Y. (AP)—A young father with a long criminal history, including assault charges, fatally shot his 3-month-old son in front of state troopers Tuesday morning, then was shot and critically wounded by officers. Adam Theall, 21, was outside the home in rural Oneida County in upstate New York when troopers arrived after getting 911 calls around 9:30 a.m. that he had threatened to kill the child. He fired a shotgun at the baby, Eithen Theall, then turned it on the three troopers who had arrived at the scene, according to State Police Capt. Francis Coots. They all fired at him. "He was intent on killing his child," Coots said. "The report from 911 was that he was going to kill his child. As soon as the trooper got out of the car, he did it." The boy was declared dead at a hospital.

Chicago mayor defends handgun ban after shootings

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley defended the city's handgun ban Tuesday after a spate of shootings that left 10 people dead and dozens wounded, saying the violence bolsters the city's argument that the 1982 ordinance is needed. Daley said the city must continue to fight against handguns even if the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down the ban as unconstitional. The court is expected to rule later this month. "Look at all the guns that shot people this weekend. Where did they come from? That is the issue," Daley said at a South Side high school Tuesday. Ten people have been killed and more than 60 others wounded by gunfire since Friday, city officials said. Daley said about 75 percent of the recent shootings involved people who knew each other.

Latest NYC 9/11 search finds 72 human remains

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City officials say a renewed search this year of debris in and around the World Trade Center site has recovered 72 human remains. The sifting of more than 800 cubic yards of debris recovered from ground zero and underneath roads around the lower Manhattan site began in April and ended Friday. The greatest number of remains—37—were found from material underneath West Street, a highway on the west side of ground zero. The new debris was uncovered as construction work made new parts of the site accessible. The city began a renewed search for human remains in 2006. More than 1,800 remains have been found. Some have been matched to previously unidentified Sept. 11 victims.

Asia

Japanese vote buying is buzz of whaling meet

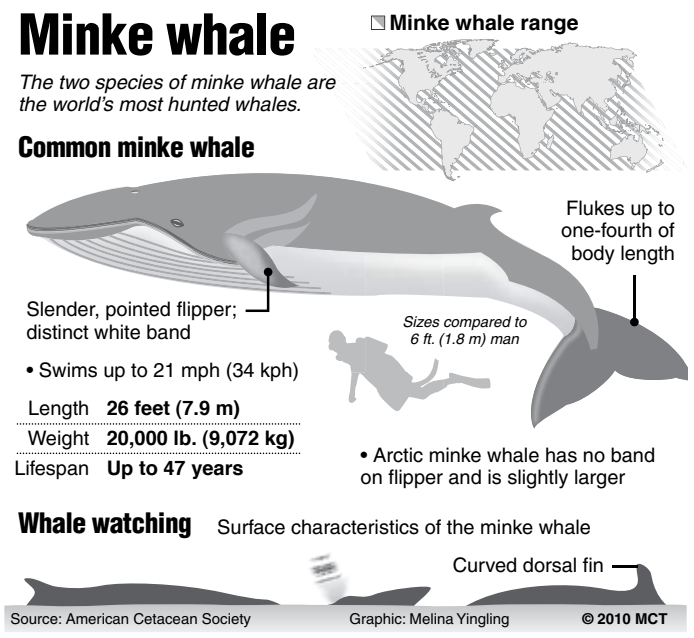
AGADIR, Morocco (AP)—Accusations that Japan uses aid money and personal favors to buy votes have quietly circulated for years around the International Whaling Commission, which oversees the conservation of the whales that Japan regularly hunts.

Now, a sting operation by a London newspaper that secretly filmed officials from six developing countries negotiating for bribes has brought such allegations into the open, at least in the corridors of the commission's annual meeting.

The *Sunday Times* of London secretly filmed the officials talking with reporters who portrayed themselves as emissaries of a Swiss billionaire wanting anti-whaling votes at the IWC's meeting in Morocco.

The six indicated that any offer from the Swiss would have to top what Japan already gives them. Tanzania's top delegate was quoted as saying he had accepted trips to Japan, where he was offered free "massages" in his hotel room, which he said he declined.

For some of Japan's harshest critics, the *Sunday Times* catching officials on tape acknowledging they received benefits from Japan was proof of undue influence on the 88-nation commission, which in its most important meeting in decades is considering a proposal for a 10-year suspension of the 1986 ban on commercial whaling.


Minke whale
The two species of minke whale are the world's most hunted whales.
Minke whale range
Common minke whale
Flukes up to one-fourth of body length
Slender, pointed flipper; distinct white band
Sizes compared to 6 ft. (1.8 m) man
• Swims up to 21 mph (34 kph)
Length 26 feet (7.9 m)
Weight 20,000 lb. (9,072 kg)
Lifespan Up to 47 years
• Arctic minke whale has no band on flipper and is slightly larger
Whale watching
Surface characteristics of the minke whale
Curved dorsal fin
Source: American Cetacean Society
Graphic: Melina Yingling
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Pakistani PM ignores US warning on Iran gas deal

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Defying a warning from Washington, Pakistan's prime minister promised Tuesday to go ahead with a plan to import natural gas from Iran even if the U.S. levies additional sanctions against the Mideast country.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani's comments came two days after the U.S. special envoy to Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke, cautioned Pakistan not to "overcommit" itself to the deal because it could run afoul of new sanctions against Iran being finalized by Congress.

The deal has been a constant source of tension between the two countries, with Pakistan arguing that it is vital to its ability to cope with an energy crisis and the U.S. stressing that it would undercut international pressure on Iran over its nuclear program.

Gilani said Pakistan would reconsider the deal if it violated U.N. sanctions, but the country was "not bound to follow" unilateral U.S. measures. He said media reports that quoted him as saying that Pakistan would heed Holbrooke's warning were incorrect.

The U.N. has levied four sets of sanctions against Iran for failing to suspend uranium enrichment, a process that can produce fuel for a nuclear weapon. The latest set of U.N. sanctions was approved earlier this month.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Rains burst levee in southern China, 88,000 flee

BEIJING (AP)—Torrential rains burst a dike in southern China, sending 88,000 people fleeing their homes and prompting China's top leaders to call Tuesday for stepped-up rescue operations. Floodwaters breached the Changkai levee on the Fu River in Jiangxi province late Monday, forcing residents to relocate from their homes in the nearby city of Fuzhou, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. No casualties have been reported. Storms have pounded southern China for more than a week, killing at least 199 people, with 123 still missing, as landslides have cut off transportation, and rivers and reservoirs have overflowed, Xinhua said. State television showed police with pants legs rolled up, pushing boats carrying residents through shallow water. In some places, floodwaters reached nearly to the second story of buildings, while in others only the tops of trees were visible.

Activist blames SKorea's leader for ship sinking

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—A South Korean activist on an unauthorized trip to North Korea on Tuesday blamed his country's conservative president—not the communist North—for the deadly sinking of one of Seoul's warships. Rev. Han Sang-ryol is a member of a small-but-vocal minority of South Korean activists and religious groups who are sympathetic to North Korea and call for unification of the two countries. North Korea has embraced Han's visit, which began June 12, according to the country's state media. Seoul, however, has said that Han did not have permission to travel to the northern neighbor and that the government will handle his case according to a law that can put him in prison for up to three years.

3 NATO troops killed; bomb explodes in clinic

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The head of a provincial health department in northern Afghanistan was killed Tuesday by a bomb planted in his private clinic, while three NATO service members were killed in attacks, officials said. Dr. Azizullah Safari was walking up to his second-floor clinic when a bomb exploded under the stairwell, said Muhbobullah Sayedi, a spokesman for the governor of Kunduz province. Also Tuesday, the international coalition reported the deaths of three service members, bringing to at least 67 the number of its troops killed in the war so far this month. NATO said a U.S. troop died Tuesday following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan, but did not disclose further details.

Philippines: Gas truck crashes, blasts kill 9

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police say nine people including two children have died after an out-of-control truck carrying gas tanks rammed into a row of roadside diners and its cargo exploded in the Philippines. Chief Inspector Armandi Dimapuyo says the driver tried to overtake a van along a highway in Cavite province's Carmona township, just south of the capital Manila. He says the driver lost control of the vehicle, which smashed into an electric post and the food stalls. The truck flipped on its side and leaking gas tanks scattered along the road exploded, razing the eateries before dawn Wednesday. Two children aged 2 and 12 were among the dead.

World

Police: Fugitive drug lord arrested in Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—Reputed gang leader Christopher "Dudus" Coke, who eluded a bloody police offensive in his slum stronghold last month, was arrested Tuesday by authorities outside Jamaica's capital, the island's top cop said.

Coke has been called one of the world's most dangerous drug lords by U.S. authorities and faces trial in New York on drug and arms trafficking charges. His arrest came nearly a month after 76 people were killed during a four-day assault by police and soldiers on the West Kingston slum of Tivoli Gardens, Coke's base that was defended by his armed followers.

At a news conference, Police Commissioner Owen Ellington said the 42-year-old Coke was in good condition in police custody. He said Coke was captured by police manning a vehicle checkpoint along a highway, but said other "circumstances of (Coke's) arrest are being investigated."

The Rev. Al Miller, an influential evangelical preacher who facilitated the surrender of Coke's brother earlier this month, told The Associated Press that Coke was prepared to surrender to authorities at the U.S. Embassy in Kingston when police stopped his convoy on a highway outside the capital.

"A contact was made on his behalf that he wanted to give himself in," Miller said. "I therefore made arrangements with his lawyers because he wanted to go ahead with the extradition process, so we communicated with the U.S. Embassy because that's where he would feel more comfortable."

Public fury over power outages poses test for Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqis' tempers are rising with their thermometers over their government's failure to provide reliable electricity. And their thermometers have topped 120 degrees.

Billions of dollars have been spent trying to fix the grid since the 2003 invasion, but many Iraqis still get less than six hours of electricity per day—about the same or sometimes even less than they received under Saddam Hussein.

Fears that frustration could lead to bloodshed were realized Saturday in the hot and humid southern oil port of Basra, where two protesters were killed after a demonstration over power outages turned violent, prompting security forces to open fire.

The crisis has already led to the electricity minister's resignation and poses a major test for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki as he struggles to keep his job amid bickering over the formation of a new government more than three months after national elections. It also complicates efforts to stabilize the country as the U.S. military prepares to withdraw its forces by the end of next year.

"The current government has had four years to build and rehabilitate the power stations, but apparently the officials did not nothing but make false promises," said Ali Sami, a Baghdad taxi driver who had to take his baby to the doctor for a heat rash last week. "It is clear that billions of dollars were spent on nothing in this country."

Sami said his household has been averaging only about an hour a day of city electricity, compared with about 10 hours per day last summer. He pays about $100 per month to tap into the neighborhood generator, which provides enough energy to keep the lights on and run some appliances, but the family has spent many sleepless nights on the rooftop.

Cuban dissident found guilty, then freed

HAVANA (AP)—A Cuban court found prominent opposition leader Darsy Ferrer guilty of purchasing black-market cement Tuesday, but he was released on time served since it took nearly a year for his case to go to trial.

Human rights officials say Ferrer was arrested for a common crime that officials usually overlook—or punish with a simple fine—in an attempt to silence his criticism of the government.

Ferrer's trial was closed to the media and most of the public, but his wife, Yusnaimy Jorge Soca, said he was found guilty of buying black-market building materials and then ordered released. He is supposed to serve the roughly four months remaining on his 15-month sentence at the couple's Havana home.

"I think what happened inside was the fair outcome. It's what we've waited for since the beginning," Jorge told reporters outside the courthouse in the Cuban capital's 10 de Octubre district. "We only wanted to repair our home."

Ferrer was taken to a police station for processing then driven home, saying: "I'm going to enjoy this with my friends and family."

From his Havana home, Ferrer said he was not giving up his activism for political change.

"I'm committed to freedom for the Cuban public," he said. "Given the desperate situation, I'm going to keep pressing to win reforms."

About 30 relatives and supporters, many of them self-described dissidents, gathered outside the courthouse for Tuesday's proceedings, occasionally shouting "Liberty!" and anti-government slogans.

WORLD BRIEFS

Thieves elect not to hold that tiger, those camels

DRUMMONDVILLE, Quebec (AP)—Maybe they had expected horses. Whoever stole a trailer in Quebec last week later abandoned it, leaving a tiger and two camels from an Ontario zoo safe inside. Quebec provincial police spokesman Ronald McInnis said Jonas the tiger and camels Shawn and Todd were recovered near Saint-Edmond-de-Grantham, about 55 miles (90 kilometers) east of Montreal. A passerby saw the trailer on a rural road Monday evening and called police. "They were in great shape. The veterinarian thinks that the people who stole the animals gave them something to eat and drink," said McInnis.

UN: Peru coca crop up 4th straight year

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Peru's coca crop grew for a fourth straight year, edging the country closer to its South American neighbor Colombia in overall cultivation of the raw material of cocaine, the United Nations said Tuesday. Owing to a 16 percent drop in acreage in Colombia, overall coca cultivation fell 5.3 percent in the world's three major coca-producing nations last year, the U.N. Office of Drugs and Crime said. Cultivation of the hearty bush increased just 1 percent in Bolivia, the No. 3 producer, compared to a 6.8 percent rise in Peru, the U.N. said in its annual report on the crop. That put the overall area under coca cultivation at 59,900 hectares (231 square miles) in Peru against 68,000 hectares (263 square miles) for Colombia and 30,900 hectares (119 square miles) for Bolivia. The U.N. figures are based on satellite images and field visits.

Focus

Ethnic Uzbeks in squalid camps fear returning home

By PETER LEONARD
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VLKSM, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—Ethnic Uzbeks sheltering in squalid tent camps say they don't have enough food or clean water but are terrified of going back to live alongside those they hold responsible for days of shootings, arson and sexual assaults.

That air of suspicion was rife Friday among the hundreds of refugees crowded into gray canvas tents on a patch of arid scrub in this Kyrgyz village near the border with Uzbekistan.

"Where can we go now? Our belief in the future is dead," said Mamlyakat Akramova, who lived in the center of Osh, Kyrgyzstan's second-largest city and the epicenter of the violence that broke out last week.

Entire Uzbek neighborhoods of southern Kyrgyzstan have been reduced to scorched ruins by rampaging mobs of ethnic Kyrgyz who forced nearly half of the region's roughly 800,000 Uzbeks to flee for their lives.

The United Nations says as many as 1 million people will need aid, and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued an appeal Friday for $71 million. "There are shortages of food, water and electricity in the affected areas, due to looting, lack of supply, and restrictions on movement," he said. "Hospitals and other institutions are running low on medical supplies."

The United States has released $32.2 million to meet immediate needs, and Russia and France sent planeloads of relief gear to Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, where many have sought shelter from the violence.

The official death toll stood at about 200, but interim President Roza Otunbayeva, who toured the ravaged region Friday, said the real number is likely 10 times higher—2,000—because many victims were buried quickly in keeping with Muslim tradition.

In the border village of VLKSM, where thousands of ethnic Uzbeks were living in tents or sleeping in the open air, many said they couldn't bring themselves to return to their homes and live next to their attackers.

"This is our nation, this is a holy land, but I can't live here any more," said Mukhabat Ergashova, a retiree who had taken shelter with dozens of others in a crowded tent.

Supplies of bread and rice were arriving from Uzbekistan, keeping the refugees from starvation. However, overcrowding, bad sanitary conditions and a shortage of clean water contributed to the spread of illness, and overwhelmed doctors struggled to treat outbreaks of diarrhea and other ailments with paltry medical supplies.

"Children are washing in the canal and drinking the water—they don't know any better, they're only children," Ergashova said.

Thousands massed this week in VLKSM (Veh-L-Kah-S-M), a village just miles from Osh whose name is a Russian-language acronym for the Soviet Communist Youth League in a throwback to the Soviet era.

The United Nations estimates 400,000 people have fled their homes in the country's south, and about 100,000 of them entered Uzbekistan.

By Friday, the huge crowds at the border had largely dispersed, with many taking refuge at the homes of fellow Uzbeks on the Kyrgyz side of the border, often sleeping more than a dozen to room. Tens of thousands of others have crossed into Uzbekistan and settled into camps there.

In Osh, the atmosphere remained tense, with barricades of burned out cars and debris blocking Uzbek neighborhoods. Still, some refugees risked coming back from Uzbekistan. Over the past few days, Uzbek border guards have placed quilted blankets over barbed wire at the border to allow refugees to cross back into Kyrgyzstan.

Otunbayeva, the interim leader, arrived Friday by helicopter in the city's central square in the hope of conveying a sign of stability. She wore a bulletproof vest.

"We have to give hope that we shall restore the city, return all the refugees and create all the conditions for that," she said.

Uzbeks in Osh complained the government was doing too little to alleviate their suffering and said they were relying on small amounts of aid from Uzbekistan. Many refugees complained humanitarian supplies were being blocked and stolen by Kyrgyz officials.

Although some aid was trickling into Uzbek areas near the border, there was little sign the supplies were reaching neighborhoods closer to the heart of Osh that have been blocked off with barricades.

Elisabeth Byrs of the U.N. humanitarian office said 30 aid flights have arrived in Osh and Jalal-Abad, carrying 780 tons of medical aid and relief goods. The World Food Program started distributing 100 tons of rations to 13,000 people in Osh—enough for two weeks.

AP

An ethnic Uzbek woman, no name given, holds her daughter as they stand near the Uzbek-Kyrgyz border in outskirts the southern city of Osh, Friday, June 18, 2010.

Still, some groups expressed frustration that aid was held up because of worries over security.

"We have the first money, the suppliers and local cooperation partners to hand out the relief in a fair and impartial way," said DanChurchAid aid coordinator Joergen Thomsen. "But we do not have a safe access so we cannot start our work."

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Robert Blake, who visited a refugee camp in Uzbekistan about three miles (five kilometers) from the Kyrgyz border, was swamped Friday by crying refugees, mainly older women and children, complaining they were desperate to return home but too fearful to do so.

He said the U.S. was working with the Kyrgyz government to ensure the refugees would be able to return safely, and said there must be an investigation into the unrest.

Blake asked the refugees if they thought the violence had been organized, as the United Nations and Kyrgyz authorities have suggested.

"Yes, of course it was organized, it all happened so unexpectedly," answered Nasiba Mamyrdzhanova, a refugee from Osh who wore a traditional Uzbek long-sleeved dress with a bright headscarf.

Kyrgyz authorities have said the violence was sparked by associates of ex-president Kurmanbek Bakiyev, who was toppled in April amid accusations of corruption and a crackdown on the opposition. The U.N. has said the unrest appeared orchestrated, but has stopped short of assigning blame.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in Washington that it was too early to say who was behind the violence, but added that "there certainly have been allegations of instigation that have to be taken seriously."

"Certainly the ouster of President Bakiyev some months ago left behind those who are still his loyalists and very much against the provisional government," she said.

Many ethnic Uzbeks accused security forces of standing by or helping ethnic-majority Kyrgyz mobs as they slaughtered people and burned neighborhoods.

"We are all witnesses to the fact that innocent citizens were fired upon from an armored personnel carrier by soldiers in military uniform. I don't know whether they were from the government or some third party, but they only shot at Uzbeks," said Sabir Khaidir, an ethnic Uzbek in Jalal-Abad.

Col. Iskander Ikramov, chief of the Kyrgyz military in the south, rejected allegations of troop involvement, but said the army didn't interfere because it was not supposed to play the role of a police force.

KAZAKHSTAN
Bishkek
200 miles
200 km
KYRGYZSTAN
UZBEKISTAN
Deadly conflict between Kyrgyz and Uzbeks
CHINA
Osh
TAJIKISTAN
Kyrgyzstan
Since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, Kyrgyzstan has been plagued by corruption and chronic instability.
Population 5.4 million
Ethnic groups
Kyrgyz 64.9%
Uzbek 13.8%
Russian 12.5%
Other 8.8%
Religion
Muslim 75%
Russian Orthodox 20%
Other 5%
GDP per capita $2,100 (2009)
• President Kurmanbek Bakiev, since March 2005; next election 2014
• Recent protests have forced Bakiev to flee; interim government is headed by former Foreign Minister Roza Otunbayeva
• Strategically important; has U.S. and Russian military bases; shares border with China
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Environment

Simple tools to do a home-energy audit, and save

By LIANA B. BAKER
MARKETWATCH

CHICAGO—For many homeowners, electricity use is highest during the summer—that means steeper energy bills are just around the corner.

But a lot of the energy you're paying for is squandered through air leaks around doors and windows, or through cable boxes and appliances that sap energy when no one is around. Before you shell out the cash for a professional home-energy audit, however, here are some do-it-yourself ways to measure—and then curb—your energy use.

MEASURE IT

The average household will spend about $2,140 on residential energy consumption in 2010, according to the Washington-based Alliance to Save Energy. What's running up that bill? A home power monitor is one way to find out, said Tom Simchak, a research associate at the Alliance to Save Energy.

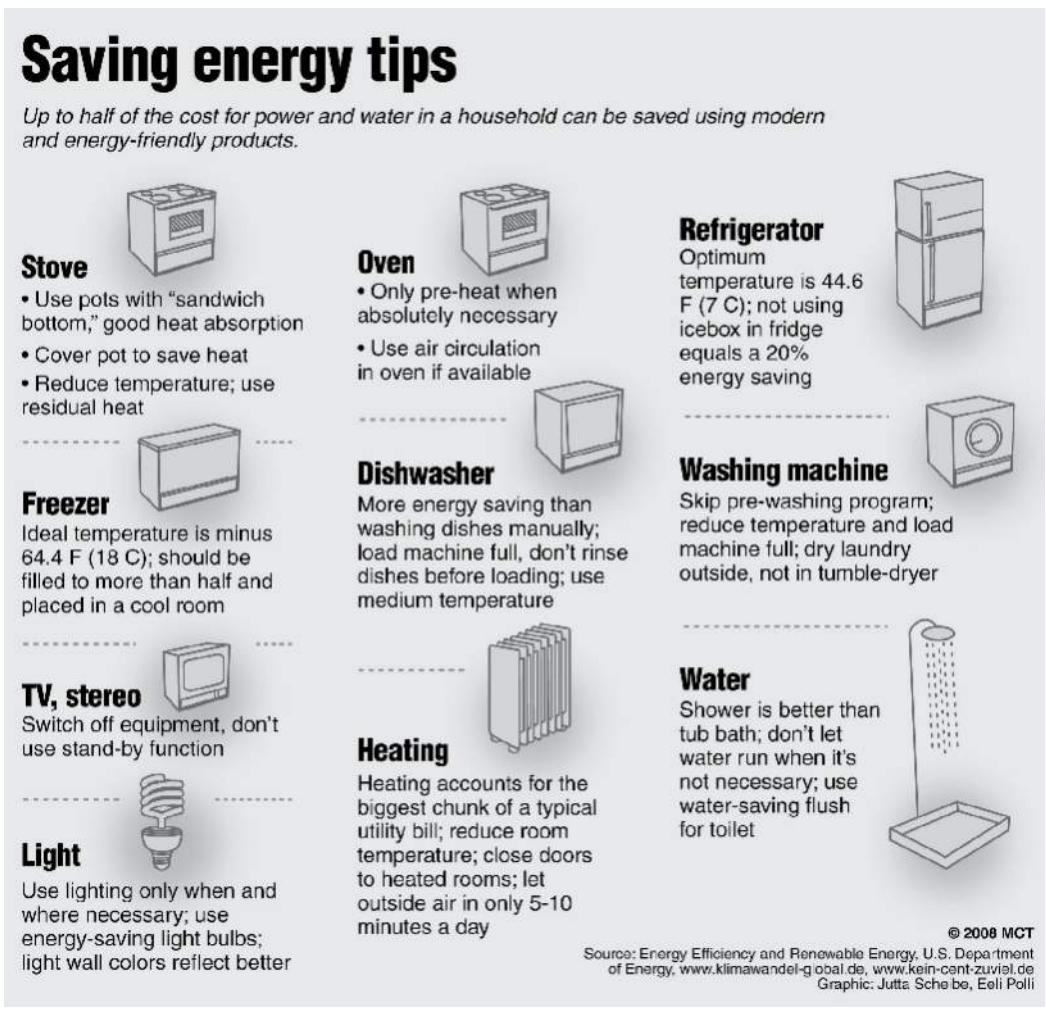
Simchak said he purchased one—The Energy Detective, or TED (see the site at TheEnergyDetective.com)—for about $200. It's connected to his circuit-breaker box and to his Internet router. The monitor records and calculates the cost of his electricity use and sends that information (current and projected consumption, plus cost, among other things) to a small box with an LCD display that he keeps in his living room.

The monitor also sends the information to his laptop, where TED's proprietary software lets Simchak assess his energy-use history and projected use in greater detail. In addition, the monitor uploads the data to Google PowerMeter, a free online home-energy monitoring tool.

While the power monitor won't tell you how much energy each separate device is consuming, Simchak said the real-time data makes it easy to figure out. "When you hear the air conditioner click on," he said, "power consumption goes up by seven or eight times."

A cheaper alternative that does give you information on specific devices' energy consumption is a kilowatt meter, which measures the energy use of any device plugged into it. You plug the meter into a wall socket and then plug the device into the meter.

The kilowatt meter can't measure an overhead light or other devices hardwired into your home, but "it's still a useful tool," said Reuven Walder, a professional energy auditor in Rockville, Md. He sells a kilowatt meter for about $30 at his store, Ecobeco (see the site at Ecobeco.com). Walder said it might surprise you, for instance, just how many kilowatts your cable box uses—it can add up to $30 to $50 a year.


Saving energy tips
Up to half of the cost for power and water in a household can be saved using modern and energy-friendly products.
Stove
• Use pots with "sandwich bottom," good heat absorption
• Cover pot to save heat
• Reduce temperature; use residual heat
Freezer
Ideal temperature is minus 64.4 F (18 C); should be filled to more than half and placed in a cool room
TV, stereo
Switch off equipment, don't use stand-by function
Light
Use lighting only when and where necessary; use energy-saving light bulbs; light wall colors reflect better
Oven
• Only pre-heat when absolutely necessary
• Use air circulation in oven if available
Dishwasher
More energy saving than washing dishes manually; load machine full, don't rinse dishes before loading; use medium temperature
Heating
Heating accounts for the biggest chunk of a typical utility bill; reduce room temperature; close doors to heated rooms; let outside air in only 5-10 minutes a day
Refrigerator
Optimum temperature is 44.6 F (7 C); not using icebox in fridge equals a 20% energy saving
Washing machine
Skip pre-washing program; reduce temperature and load machine full; dry laundry outside, not in tumble-dryer
Water
Shower is better than tub bath; don't let water run when it's not necessary; use water-saving flush for toilet
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CURB IT—AND SAVE

Whether or not you decide to shell out for energy measurement devices, you can save money on your utility bill with some simple steps to reduce your home's energy use.

A smart strip, for instance, eliminates vampire energy—the energy devices consume when they're switched off. Smart strips, which retail for about $30, plug into the wall and also work as surge protectors. The strip's sensor cuts the power to devices plugged into it when they're switched off.

Next, check doors and windows for gaps around the frames. "Insulation is important any time of year, but in the summer you don't want to waste all that energy on AC that's just going to escape through your door," Simchak said.

Walder suggests looking at windows and doors every season. Many of the air gaps you find can be sealed with caulk or spray foam.

Black and Decker sells a thermal leak detector that shines a red light on walls; the color of the light will change to blue to indicate a hot or cold spot. But Walder said the $50 device has its limits: It can only cover a few inches of wall at a time so you may not always get a reading of exactly where the air is coming from.

Covering pipes and water heaters with special wrapping is another cheap way to save on energy this summer. Water heaters usually are in basements that remain cool even during summer, so they must consume energy to maintain their high temperatures. Putting a thermal barrier around a heater helps it work less, and that can save you money.

Soon after buying a house earlier this year, Simchak said he spent about $10 buying foam to wrap exposed pipes. "I was able to get at about half of the hot-water pipes in my house," he said.

Walder and Simchak highly recommend buying a programmable thermostat to better regulate your use of your air conditioner, and the heating system in winter.

You can save around 10 percent a year on energy bills simply by lowering your thermostat by 10 percent to 15 percent for a minimum of eight hours, Walder said.

LITTLE THINGS HELP

Some other low-cost or free energy-saving moves:

■ Put thicker curtains around windows in summer (including in an unfinished attic) to keep out the sun.

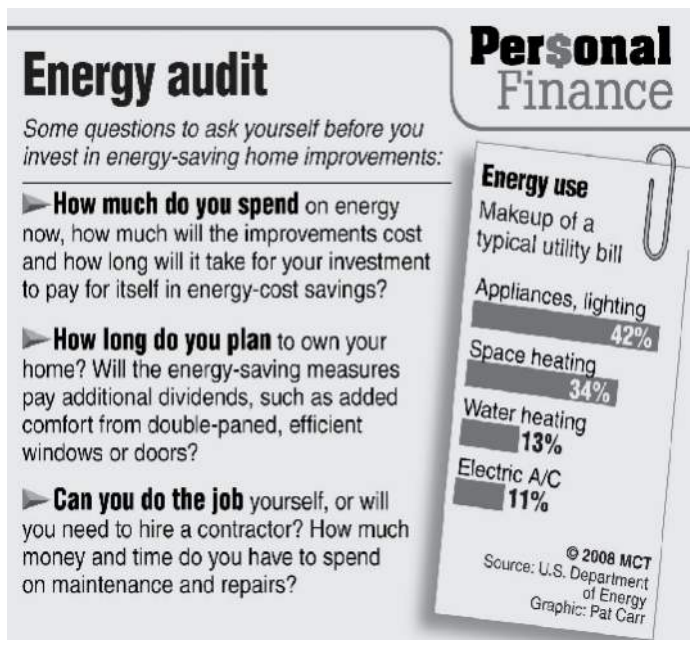
■ Regularly dust off the coils under your refrigerator so it doesn't have to work as hard to stay cool.

■ Install low-flow faucets (with an aerator so the water doesn't just trickle out).

■ Replace incandescent light bulbs with more-efficient fluorescent or LED ones.

■ Consider checking out Microsoft-Hohm.com. The website details the average energy use of homes nationwide.

Simchak said these energy-saving steps don't require technical know-how. "I haven't done anything a normal person can't do," he said. "It takes a little time and effort. But with all these products available, regular folks can do them just fine."


Energy audit
Personal Finance
Some questions to ask yourself before you invest in energy-saving home improvements:
How much do you spend on energy now, how much will the improvements cost and how long will it take for your investment to pay for itself in energy-cost savings?
How long do you plan to own your home? Will the energy-saving measures pay additional dividends, such as added comfort from double-paned, efficient windows or doors?
Can you do the job yourself, or will you need to hire a contractor? How much money and time do you have to spend on maintenance and repairs?
Energy use
Makeup of a typical utility bill
Appliances, lighting 42%
Space heating 34%
Water heating 13%
Electric A/C 11%
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DO YOUR PART

Calling all dog owner. . .it's your duty

By TERRI BENNETT
MCT

A dog might be man's best friend but my dogs are more like my kids! I think everyone should experience the unconditional love of a dog but owning one is not for the timid. It's work—especially when it comes to the nasty job of cleaning up their poop. When you clean up after your dogs your neighbors will love you for keeping those stinky land mines out of their yards. But there are even bigger benefits. You'll not only be doing your part to keep bacteria and parasites out of your yard and neighborhood, you're also keeping harmful microorganisms away from our drinking water supply.

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When you clean up after your dogs your neighbors will love you for keeping those stinky land mines out of their yards.

There are more than 77 million pet dogs in the United States and their waste is scattered across backyards, neighborhood parks, and scenic greenways that frequently line small waterways. When you don't clean up after your dog, heavy rain can carry bacteria from the waste into storm drains that spill into neighborhood creeks. Dog waste left in parks and greenways can be swept directly into nearby streams. Fecal contamination impairs the quality of the water in our creeks and streams but that's not all. These small tributaries often empty directly into our local drinking water supply or the water where we boat or fish.

Dog waste is raw sewage and there are parasites and harmful microorganisms like roundworms and e. Coli that can be transmitted to humans. This is why dog waste should not be used as fertilizer around your home. And it won't fertilize the yard if you leave it behind either like other types of manure. Dogs don't eat the same kinds of natural material that cattle, horses or even elephants eat. The waste from those animals is actually beneficial for your yard and garden.

You should always pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste in the trashcan. Some smaller municipalities might prefer the waste to be flushed down the toilet, but in cities where there are many dogs, it's best to send the waste to the landfill.

So scoop the poop and put it in the trash. Or let someone else do the dirty work for you by hiring a professional pooper-scooper. It's easy to find one near you. Check out DoYourPart.com/Columns for a list of resources.

When you properly dispose of your dog's waste you'll be doing your part to keep harmful bacteria out of our yards, our neighborhoods, and our drinking water. Not to mention off the bottom of our shoes.

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In a Friday, June 11, 2010 photo, unfinished mansion nicknamed "Versailles" up for sale "as is" by owner and timeshare tycoon David Siegel in Windermere, Fla.

$75M mansion near Orlando selling 'as is'

Listed as a "monument to unparalleled success," the largest home for sale in the United States comes with plenty of space but no carpet, tiles or interior walls. It's up to the future buyer to finish it.

The mansion started by timeshare tycoon David Siegel boasts plenty of big numbers: 90,000 square feet. Twenty-three bathrooms. Thirteen bedrooms. Ten kitchens. A 20-car garage, with additional space for two limos. Three pools. A bowling alley. Indoor roller rink. Two-story movie theater. Video arcade. Fitness center. Baseball field and two tennis courts.

All that and more for $75 million "as is." There's an option to buy it completed for $100 million.

Nicknamed "Versailles" for the French royal palace that inspired it, the edifice hit the market recently. Construction was halted last year to save money in a recession that proved particularly hard on Siegel's once-booming industry.

"This mansion is a great anecdote of the overconsumption that led to the housing bust, and it might be the poster child of such overindulgence," said Jack McCabe, a Florida-based real estate analyst.

The unfinished palace at 6121 Kirkstone Lane makes Tiger Woods' place just down the street in this gated Orlando suburb look more like a guest house.

It has the square footage of nearly two football fields, is almost double the White House and about 36 times the size of the average American family home. The master bedroom alone, which would have had a rotating bed under a skylight, is twice the size of a standard house.

"It's like a living piece of art," said Lorraine Barrett, a Coldwell Banker real estate agent who has the listing.

At least it will be upon completion.

Instead of stonewalled gates, a chain-link fence with a green covering keeps onlookers out of the 10-acre property. The driveway is overrun with dirt and rocks. Weeds fill the planned baseball field.

The home opens into a grand hall with symmetrical staircases and a ceiling complete with a stained-glass dome befitting a cathedral. The rest of the mansion is more an outline—only steel beams, insulation and most of the electrical wiring are in place. The two elevator shafts are empty.

Stone for the exterior is waiting in boxes that fill the cavernous garage. The Olympic-length pool that will have a waterfall flowing into another pool is a carved-out shell. A cleaning company has to come to the vacant mansion to keep things tidy.

"He figured it would be for his family. They'd never have to leave, because they would have everything they needed here," Barrett said during a recent tour of the mansion. "Nothing broke his heart more."

She said Siegel, who has 12 children, could have easily moved forward with construction but wanted to avoid cutbacks at his company, Westgate Resorts. Requests to interview Siegel were not returned through Westgate Resorts or Barrett.

Selling a high-end home is never easy, and that's only magnified in this recovering market.

Sheri Chase, founder and president of Chase Realty International, has had the listing for a $100 million estate in Lake Tahoe, Nev., for about four years. The 20,000-square-foot home on 210 acres of property is owned by Tommy Hilfiger co-founder Joel Horowitz.

"There are only so many billionaires in the world," Chase said. "Who's looking at prices in this stratosphere? Very few people, so patience is key."

There also aren't many homes in the U.S. priced so high.

The Lake Tahoe estate is the third-most expensive on the market, according to the annual ranking by Forbes magazine. That's only behind a $150 million mansion in Holmby Hills, Calif., owned by Candy Spelling, widow of television giant Aaron Spelling. Another Holmby Hills mansion owned by Suzanne Saperstein, the ex-wife of Texas billionaire David Saperstein, has a $125 million asking price.

In 2008, a Russian billionaire bought Donald Trump's Palm Beach mansion for $95 million. Trump had asked for $125 million.

The Versailles mansion, inspired by a visit to the real palace near Paris on the Siegel's honeymoon in 2000, is currently tied for fifth by price with several others. But it has, by all accounts, the most square footage under one roof in America for a home after the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C.

The structure might not look so massive from the front. The foundation sits some 20 feet below the rest of the block—making the entrance to the home on the second floor—because there's a 47-foot height restriction. In reality, the mansion is 67 feet high.

It's not cheap to maintain, either.

Taxes alone on the property, if sold at $100 million, would be between $1.45 million and $1.74 million annually, according to the Orange County property appraiser's website. The yearly upkeep also would likely fall in that range, real estate agents said.

"It's going to take a very unique kind of buyer to purchase the property," said Carol Ann Hewitt, who has listings for high-end homes in Windermere for Oxford Realty. "I'm not going to say it's impossible, but it could take a while." ***(AP)***

Even mag editor says McChrystal used poor judgment

NEW YORK (AP)—Even Rolling Stone's editor agreed with Gen. Stanley McChrystal that the Afghan war's U.S. commander showed poor judgment in airing complaints about the Obama administration in the magazine.

But Eric Bates said it was in keeping with McChrystal's character that he didn't try to waffle about what was said in the article, which exploded into a political controversy that threatened the general's job. Bates said the piece accurately reflected what McChrystal and his team feel about the job they've been given in Afghanistan.

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This March 15, 2010 image provided Tuesday, June 22, 2010 by Rolling Stone magazine shows a layout from the magazine's latest issue with a US Navy/NATO photo of Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal on board a C-130 aircraft over Afghanistan.

The inside view of the country's command in Afghanistan was a coup for the magazine. While best known for its coverage of rock 'n' roll, Rolling Stone has a provocative history covering politics and government that dates back to the Vietnam War and Hunter S. Thompson's irreverent trips on the presidential campaign trail.

The article, "The Runaway General," was posted on the magazine's website Tuesday, a day earlier than planned because of the attention it was receiving. McChrystal is quoted as saying he "found that time painful" when President Barack Obama took three months to review the Afghan war strategy. The story quoted an unnamed aide to the general as saying his boss was disappointed that Obama "didn't seem very engaged" about the war.

It also depicted McChrystal as not wanting to open an e-mail from Richard Holbrooke, the special U.S. representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"I think that they know that this is a fair representation of their perspective," Bates said.

He said he wasn't surprised that McChrystal took responsibility for the article and publicly apologized for the interviews.

"When questioned about the piece itself, he said this was poor judgment, which I think is indisputable, and took the bullet, which is very much in keeping with the kind of soldier he sees himself as," Bates said.

He said the article's author, Michael Hastings, was assigned a piece on what the U.S. was doing in Afghanistan, seen through the eyes of the military leaders. Bates said he knew upon seeing a first draft a month ago that Hastings gathered some important material.

Hastings also had a stroke of luck: After joining McChrystal and his team in Paris for an appearance, the general's plane to Berlin was grounded by the Icelandic volcano. "They had to take a bus," Bates said. "So it turned into a bit of a road trip."

Some of the article's most biting comments came from McChrystal aides who were granted anonymity in Hasting's piece. But Bates said McChrystal was present when many of the comments were made. "Even the quotes that he wasn't in the room for clearly reflect his thinking and were clearly given with his blessing," he said.

The military leaders knew they were speaking to a working reporter, Bates said.

"I had a tape recorder and notepad out the entire time," Hastings told CNN on Tuesday, "so it was all very clear that it was on the record."

Newspaper, writer of Sarah Palin editorial part ways

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The managing editor of the newspaper in Sarah Palin's hometown has left his job, just weeks after he wrote an editorial noting Alaska's protective "deadly force" law in reference to the former governor's new neighbor, an author who is writing a book about her.

Tom Mitchell's May 29 opinion piece in the Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman in Wasilla prompted an onslaught of comments, and he later apologized for the remark.

But both Mitchell and Frontiersman publisher Kari Sleight said Tuesday his June 14 departure had nothing to do with the editorial.

"I absolutely, 100 percent, unequivocally stand by my statement that his separation in the relationship is not related to the Palin editorial," Sleight told The Associated Press.

Neither would say whether he quit or was fired.

Mitchell's editorial was about a tall fence erected by Palin, the 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee, to prevent author Joe McGinniss from peering into her family's home. It concluded by noting that McGinniss might be reminded about an Alaska law that "allows the use of deadly force in protection of life and property."

The editorial triggered multiple comments, including some who said the "deadly force" reference was threatening and advocated violence.

Also prompting a flood of comments was the subsequent apology by Mitchell, who told readers he would leave out that last sentence if he could do it over again.

"I certainly did not mean to suggest that McGinniss would or should be the victim of violence," he wrote. "For that matter, I didn't mean to suggest the Palins would do such a thing."

After 428 reader postings on the newspaper's website, Sleight issued a statement that comments on the editorial had been suspended. She said most were repetitive and "do not add value to a healthy discussion or debate."

Mitchell left the newspaper two weeks later, after working there for about a year and a half. He said he signed an agreement to not discuss the circumstances behind his departure.

"I can tell you I was not fired because of the editorial," he said.

Michael Jackson's mother supports fan tribute

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Jackson's mother has given her blessing to a tribute concert that will mark the anniversary of the pop singer's death.

VoicePlate Productions is staging the "Forever Michael" fan event Saturday at the Beverly Hilton hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., but some have wondered if it was legitimate or done with the family's approval.

In a video posted on YouTube, Katherine Jackson appeared with the tribute's organizer, Joseph Fahmy, to thank him for putting it together.

"I know that Michael would be very honored and very pleased that his fans all over the world are coming together to celebrate his life," she said.

She also thanked people for the support they have given her family since her son died June 25, 2009, at age 50.

Meanwhile, NBC said Tuesday it would feature an interview with Katherine Jackson on a "Dateline NBC" segment titled "Michael Jackson: A Mother's Story" on Friday.

The interview was conducted by Sonia Lowe, who has just co-authored a book with Jackson, NBC said. The network would not say how much it paid Jackson for use of the interview tapes.

It's a win-win situation for Jackson: Not only is she being paid for the interview, but she gets it on an NBC prime-time news program without having to face questions from someone who works at NBC News.

NBC will fully disclose to viewers the circumstances of the interview, which was important enough to merit the special treatment, spokeswoman Lauren Kapp said.

"It's been one year," Kapp said. "She hasn't spoken out yet, and it's a valuable part of the story."

Concert tribute organizer Fahmy told The Associated Press on Monday that Jackson "just rescued me" with her show of support.

"There was some negative press and rumors that it wasn't authorized," Fahmy explained. "But we know it was. ... The Jacksons are so private, and, really, I was going to allow the press to just say what they were going to say and take the beating from the press, just to give them (the Jacksons) their privacy."

Added Fahmy: "Towards the end here, Mrs. Jackson just said, 'I need to clear the air for you, because you're doing such a wonderful thing.' And she was just one of the sweetest ladies you could ever meet."

Fahmy, CEO of the Los Angeles-based VoicePlate, estimated the event's cost at $250,000. The event will include performances by the Chi-Lites and Genevieve Jackson, Michael Jackson's niece and the daughter of Randy Jackson. Tickets start at $150 and go up to $500.

Part of the proceeds from the event will go to the Jackson Family Foundation and to Michael Jackson's favorite charities, according to the organizers.

In this June 14, 2010 file photo, Michael Jackson's parents, Katherine Jackson and Joe Jackson leave a Los Angeles courthouse after a preliminary hearing in the trial of Michael Jackson's personal doctor Conrad Murray.

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Knight And Day
Thursday 1:30 4:10 7:20
Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
Action • Rated PG 13

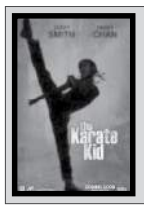
Synopsis
A fugitive couple (Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz) wages a war between truth and trust while speeding across the globe in an attempt to avoid capture by a determined federal agent (Peter Sarsgaard). Paul Dano, Viola Davis, Olivier Martinez, Maggie Grace, and Marc Blucas co-star.

Toy Story 3
Thursday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
Fantasy, Children's, Family • Rated G

Synopsis
Pixar returns to their first success with Toy Story 3. The movie begins with Andy leaving for college and donating his beloved toys—including Woody (Tom Hanks) and Buzz (Tim Allen)—to a daycare. While the crew meets new friends, including Ken (Michael Keaton), they soon grow to hate their new surroundings and plan an escape.

Jonah Hex
Thursday 1:20 4:05 7:30
Josh Brolin, Megan Fox
Western • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
1970s-era DC antihero Jonah Hex makes his way to the big screen as Crank co-writers Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor team to follow the disfigured gunslinger and part-time bounty hunter on his biggest adventure yet. Supernatural elements combine with Western aesthetics to take viewers on a wild and bloody ride, with Josh Brolin leading the way as Hex and John Malkovich stepping into the villainous role of Turnbull.



The Karate Kid
Thursday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith
Drama • Rated PG

The A-Team
Thursday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
Action • Rated PG 13

The Prince of Persia
Thursday 1:05 4:20 7:05
Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Marmaduke
Thursday 1:10 4:30 7:10
Owen Wilson, George Lopez
Children's, Family • Rated PG

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Jackson's boyhood hometown plans anniversary vigil

GARY, Ind. (AP)—The childhood hometown of Michael Jackson is planning a tribute Friday at his former house to mark the one-year anniversary of his death, and the mayor says his mother is among the people expected to attend.

Gary Mayor Rudy Clay says Katherine Jackson will attend the event along with her granddaughter, Genevieve Jackson, the daughter of Randy Jackson. The event will include speeches, performances and a candlelight vigil.

"We expect thousands to show up," said city spokeswoman LaLosa Burns.

Workers at the house on Tuesday said Katherine Jackson wanted the house spruced up for the event. She was in the city 30 miles southeast of Chicago for several days recently and planned the renovation, Clay said.

The flowers, balloons, stuffed animals and signs that covered the front lawn for weeks after Jackson's death from an overdose of sedatives are gone. The tiny house already has a new roof, a fresh coat of white paint, newly poured concrete along the walkway and driveway and is surrounded by a black wrought iron fence. New sod was being installed and some bushes were awaiting planting.

"She wanted all of this done," worker Nathaniel Donald said. "People from all over the world come here and she wanted it fixed up."

"It looks nice," said Arthur Houser, an 81-year-old retired trucker who lives several blocks away.

The house—and its address—are widely known because The Jacksons released the album "2300 Jackson Street" in 1989.

The family moved to the West Coast after the Jackson 5 struck it big with the release of their first album. The Jackson 5 played two concerts at West Side High School in Gary in 1971. The only other time Jackson returned to his hometown was in 2003, when plans for a Michael Jackson Performing Arts Center in the city's downtown were announced. It was never built.

Jackson's father and city officials announced plans earlier this month to move ahead with plans to build the performing arts center and a museum, but many in the city have their doubts whether it will ever be built.

Chuck Hughes, executive director of the Gary Chamber of Commerce was a member of City Council in 1995 when talk about the performing arts center was first discussed with the Jackson family.

William Faulkner collection auctioned in NYC

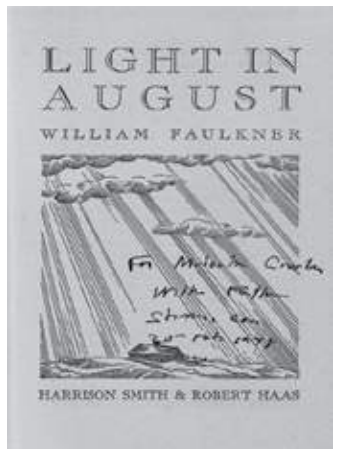
NEW YORK (AP)—A rare collection of signed William Faulkner books and personal items, including one of his most acclaimed novels, "Light in August," sold at auction Tuesday for $833,246.

The collection of 90 items was nearly a complete representation of Faulkner's work, said the auction house, Christie's.

The auction probably was the last chance to acquire such a large collection of the author's work, Louis Daniel Brodsky, a poet and Faulkner scholar, said in an interview before the auction.

The highest price went for "Absalom, Absalom!" a story about Southern poverty told entirely in flashbacks, which sold for $86,500. Inscribed in 1936 to novelist and journalist Malcolm Cowley, the first edition novel exceeded the $40,000 to $60,000 pre-sale estimate.

Inscribed copies of "Absalom, Absalom!" are extremely rare, with only two others recorded at auction in the last 30 years, according to Christie's.



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This undated photo provided by Christie's shows a copy of William Faulkner's novel "Light in August."

The first edition of "Light in August," which centers on three characters and explores the devastating effects of racism and religious fanaticism in the South, sold for $47,500. The book also is inscribed by the Nobel Prize-winning author to Cowley, who was working on a profile of Faulkner for Life magazine.

Christie's did not identify either buyer, or the American seller. It had estimated that the collection would sell for more than $1 million.

A few items offered a glimpse into the personal side of the author, whose stream of consciousness writings explored the complicated social system of the South.

In a 1936 Western Union telegram to his 3-year-old daughter, Faulkner wished her "plenty of ghosts, goblins, witches and cats and owls on Halloween."

In a 1951 copy of "Sartoris," Faulkner scribbled, "For Joan, it was all for her, even while she was asleep." The author was referring to novelist Joan Williams, with whom he had an affair.

"He's not merely an American author," said Tom Lecky, head of the auction house's department of books and manuscripts. "He's an international author."

Faulkner was a native of New Albany, Miss., then lived in Oxford, Miss. The University of Mississippi runs a museum at his Greek Revival house.

'The Bachelor' star Pavelka splits with fiancee

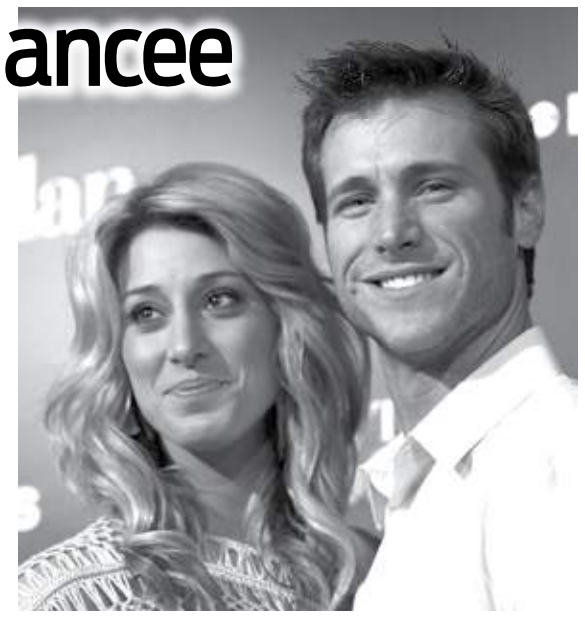
LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Bachelor" is flying solo again.

Jake Pavelka and Vienna Giraldi, the lovey-dovey couple who met and became engaged in front of millions of viewers on the 14th season of the ABC dating series, have called off their engagement, according to Pavelka's spokeswoman.

Janice Lee said "Jake and Vienna have split. They appreciate the respect for their privacy at this time." No additional details were provided.

After choosing 23-year-old marketing representative Giraldi on "The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love," 32-year-old pilot Pavelka competed on the 10th season of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" and was eliminated fifth from the competition.

Only four of the 13 previous couples who met on "The Bachelor" are still together.



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In this April 21, 2010 file photo, television personalities Jake Pavelka, right, and Vienna Girardi arrive at the premiere of "The Back-up Plan" in Los Angeles.

US Library to save recordings from Tupac, Cosby

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rapper Tupac Shakur's song "Dear Mama," Bill Cosby's second comedy album and rare battle sounds from World War II are among 25 recordings the Library of Congress is preserving for their cultural significance.

Selections for the 2009 National Recording Registry are being announced Wednesday. They must be at least 10 years old and be culturally, historically or aesthetically significant.

The combination of Cosby—an outspoken critic of profanity and violence in hip-hop culture—with work from a rapper who was shot and killed in 1996 is notable, but organizers said Tupac's "Dear Mama" was a heartfelt homage to mothers struggling with addiction and poverty.

It's also a "relatively tame" recording, and the cultural impact of hip-hop is undeniable, program coordinator Steve Leggett said. Tupac is the third rapper inducted, following Grandmaster Flash and Public Enemy.

In announcing the registry, Librarian of Congress James Billington said the list "showcases the diverse beauty, humanity and artistry found in the American soundscape."

The new additions include performances by Little Richard, Willie Nelson, REM, Patti Smith and the 1923 recording "Canal Street Blues" by King Oliver's Creole Jazz Band for epitomizing the sound of New Orleans.

Organizers chose Cosby's second album, "I Started Out as a Child," over his first simply because they thought it was better overall, Leggett said.

The World War II recording is from the second Battle of Guam in which the U.S. forces retook the island from the Japanese.

Nominations come from a Library of Congress preservation board and online suggestions from the public. The selections for 2009 bring the registry's total to 300.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Newcomer puts on moves for 'Footloose' remake

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A new face in Hollywood is stepping into Kevin Bacon's shoes for a remake of "Footloose." Paramount Pictures announced Tuesday that Kenny Wormald will take on the role Bacon originated in the 1984 original about a rebellious city youth who busts some moves in his new town, where dancing has been banned. "High School Musical" heartthrob Zac Efron had planned to star but dropped out of the "Footloose" remake last year. Wormald's previous credits include the MTV series "Dancelife." He will co-star alongside two-time "Dancing With the Stars" champion and country music singer Julianne Hough. The cast also includes Dennis Quaid. Due in theaters April 1, 2011, "Footloose" will be directed by Craig Brewer ("Hustle & Flow").

DC July 4 features David Archuleta, Gladys Knight

WASHINGTON (AP)—"American Idol" runner-up David Archuleta and Gladys Knight will perform at the annual July Fourth holiday concert in Washington. "A Capitol Fourth" will be broadcast live from the west lawn of the Capitol at 8 p.m. on PBS stations. Actor Jimmy Smits is hosting the event. Reba McEntire, Darius Rucker and the National Symphony Orchestra are also scheduled to perform. The 19-year-old Archuleta was the 2008 "American Idol" runner-up. He'll sing the National Anthem—a song he says he loves to perform. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to turn out for the concert. The program is celebrating its 30th anniversary on the air. It will end with a 17-minute fireworks show.

Madeleine Albright works on WWII childhood memoir

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is working on a "part memoir and part cautionary tale" about Europe from 1937 to 1948. HarperCollins said Tuesday that Albright's "While I Was Growing Up" will be published in 2012. Albright was born in Czechoslovakia in 1937 and was forced to leave after Nazi Germany gained control of it. She spent much of World War II in England. Her book will combine personal memories, archival material and interviews to offer a "child's view" and "adult's broader perspective" of the era. Albright was secretary of state during President Bill Clinton's second term. Her other books include "Madam Secretary" and "The Mighty and the Almighty."

Duff joins 'Love, Loss, and What I Wore' off-B'way

NEW YORK (AP)—Haylie Duff gets set to cycle through the hit off-Broadway show "Love, Loss, and What I Wore" with a turn in the July cast. The Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron show features a rotating cast of five all-star actors, who perform in four-week cycles. It has been playing off-Broadway since October. It's based on a collection of stories from the best-selling book by Ilene Beckerman and uses clothing and accessories and the memories they trigger to tell funny, poignant stories. It recently was honored with a 2010 Drama Desk Award. Duff starred in the television series "7th Heaven." Rounding out the new cast with her are former "NYPD Blue" star Sharon Lawrence and Broadway actresses Myra Lucretia Taylor, Ashley Austin Morris and Penny Fuller. Fuller also is a member of the current June cast.

Judge extends Nicole Richie's DUI probation

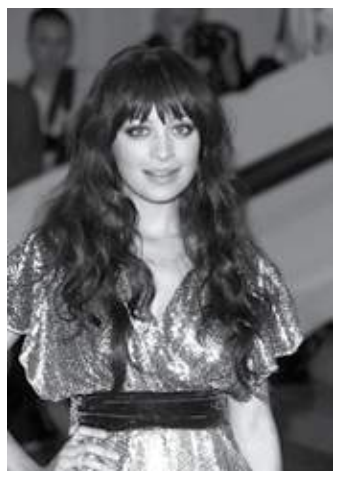
GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)—Court records show a judge has extended Nicole Richie's probation until March to give her more time to complete alcohol education classes.

Richie was not present in court Tuesday when the order was made. She will have to complete the classes by February.

Richie's attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, did not immediately return a phone message and e-mail seeking comment.

Richie was arrested in December 2006 after witnesses reported seeing her black Mercedes-Benz sport utility vehicle headed the wrong way on a freeway in Burbank. She later pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor driving under the influence charge and spent 82 minutes in jail.

A former star of the television series "The Simple Life," Richie is engaged to longtime boyfriend and rocker Joel Madden.



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In this May 3, 2010 file photo, Nicole Richie arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala in New York.

'Twilight' madness in LA, fans gather for premiere

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A mini-tent city has bloomed outside the Nokia Theatre in downtown Los Angeles to see an "Eclipse."

Hundreds of fans are awaiting Thursday night's red-carpet premiere of "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," the third installment of the vampire movie series. The movie opens in theaters June 30.

Scripts are in the works for more "Twilight" movies.

About 9,000 wristbands are being handed out to fans, who began erecting tents Monday on concrete steps outside the theater. Nokia officials, who have issued a list of camping rules, say the wristbands must be worn until the premiere is over.

Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner play Bella, Edward and Jacob in "Eclipse," which features Bella preparing for high school graduation and choosing a prom date—vampire Edward or werewolf Jacob.

Would-be pilot maps out life for himself and future family

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old boy who is trying to figure out my career. I'm with "Jen," the girl of my dreams, and I intend on being with her forever. We plan to have kids in the future.

I want to be a pilot, and Jen wants to be a stay-at-home mom. I realize, though, that if I'm a pilot I won't be home much, and I know that's not good for a couple trying to start a family. All I ever dreamed about was becoming a pilot, and I don't think I can give this up.

At the same time, my family comes first. How do I go about solving this problem?

PLANNING AHEAD IN MISSOURI

DEAR PLANNING AHEAD: You appear to be a young man with his feet on the ground. What you're not taking into consideration is that there are many happily married pilots who enjoy flourishing family lives as well as careers. Do some more research about the various kinds of jobs that are offered in the aviation industry, and you may be pleased to find that you, too, can have both. And keep in mind that your ambitions may change as you get older.

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DEAR ABBY: My 73-year-old mother took it upon herself to go to a senior center and learn how the computer works—Internet, e-mails, etc.

She has five children, and we're all on the Internet. She didn't tell us because she wanted it to be a surprise—and was it ever! I flipped when I turned on my computer and found her name on an incoming message!

Abby, Mom doesn't own a computer, and the nearest senior center that has one is 30 miles away, but that didn't stop her.

We're currently setting up a computer for her, and I'm proud to say that she'll be able to use it for more than playing one of her favorite card games, Hearts. We're all proud of Mom!

COLLEEN IN ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR COLLEEN: I salute your mother and the burgeoning number of seniors who refuse to be intimidated by technology. Computers and cell phones have become cheaper and easier to use, and Web-surfing isn't a "sport" that's meant to be enjoyed only by the young. The computer-phobic can learn a lot from your mother's example.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married five years and have a beautiful 4-year-old daughter. Two years ago, my wife cheated on three different occasions with three different men. Each time she admitted her infidelity to me the following day.

I was heartbroken. I have fallen out of love with her and no longer find her attractive. I didn't leave immediately because I didn't want our daughter to be raised in a broken home. Also, my wife didn't have a job. I thought I could forgive her and get over it, but I can't and don't think I ever will.

Should I leave her or stay in a marriage where I feel I am being unfair to myself and that I deserve better? Please advise.

BETRAYED IN KANSAS

DEAR BETRAYED: I'm sorry your wife cheated on you— three times, yet. But if you have to ask me for permission to leave her, the answer is no. You'll know the time is right when you are ready to take the responsibility for that decision all by yourself.

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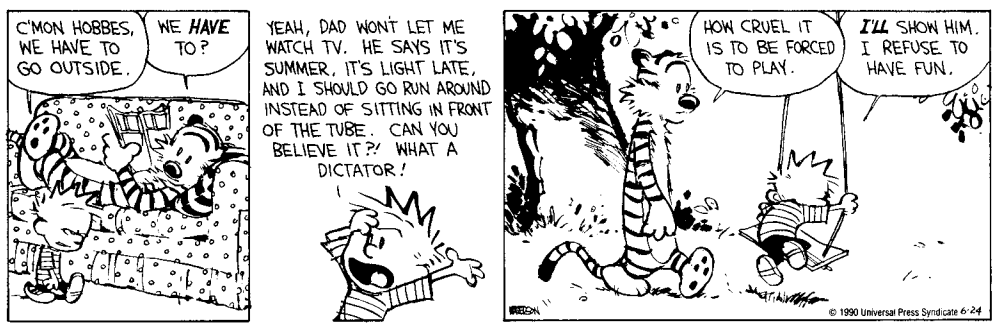
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


C'MON HOBBES, WE HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE.
WE HAVE TO?
YEAH, DAD WON'T LET ME WATCH TV. HE SAYS IT'S SUMMER, IT'S LIGHT LATE, AND I SHOULD GO RUN AROUND INSTEAD OF SITTING IN FRONT OF THE TUBE. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! WHAT A DICTATOR!
HOW CRUEL IT IS TO BE FORCED TO PLAY.
I'LL SHOW HIM. I REFUSE TO HAVE FUN.
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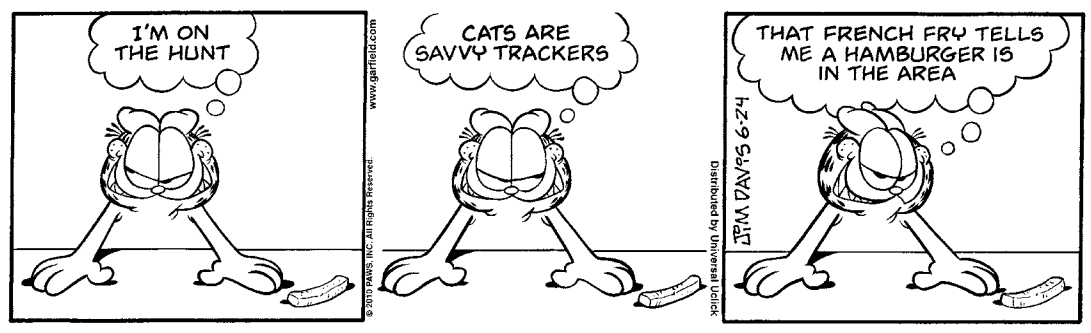
I'M ON THE HUNT
CATS ARE SAVVY TRACKERS
THAT FRENCH FRY TELLS ME A HAMBURGER IS IN THE AREA
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Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

DADDY! WANT TO SEE WHAT I LEARNED AT BALLET CAMP?
OF COURSE! YOU KNOW, I USED TO BE A PRETTY GOOD DANCER BACK IN THE DAY.
DID YOU WEAR A TUTU?
NO, BACK THEN EVERYBODY WORE NEON TRACKSUITS. THE STREETS WERE OUR CLASSROOM.
AND ALL CONFLICTS WERE SETTLED WITH THE ANCIENT ART OF DANCE FIGHTING!
YES!
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR, YET. WE'RE JUST DOING JETES AND PLIES.
WHEN YOU'RE A JETES YOU'RE A JETES ALL THE WAY...
SNAP
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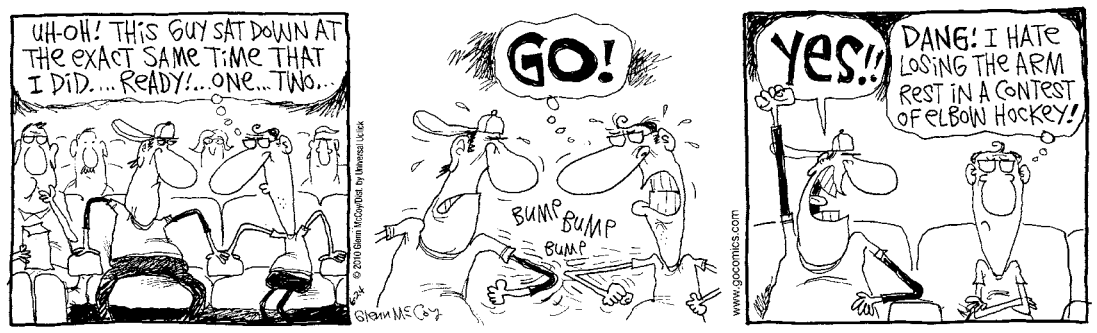
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


UH-OH! THIS GUY SAT DOWN AT THE EXACT SAME TIME THAT I DID.... READY!... one... two...
GO!
BUMP BUMP BUMP
YES!!
DANG! I HATE LOSING THE ARM REST IN A CONTEST OF ELBOW HOCKEY!
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Exemplar of beauty and grace
5 Greet
9 Pi follower
12 Cheese choice
13 Formerly
14 Dine on
15 Answered
17 — Lanka
18 Empty a suitcase
19 Yawns
21 Tag player
22 Old manuscript marks
24 Ironside portrayer
27 PETA target
28 Listending abbr.
31 Sugar suffix
32 Schedule abbr.
33 Comic Philips
34 Nasty stinger
36 Early bird?
37 Catch sight of
38 Green sauce
40 Either partner
41 Pertaining to a pelvic bone
43 Discomfort
47 Journey segment
48 Admired
51 — -di-dah
52 Dunkable sweet
53 "The Wind in the Willows" character
54 Enjoy Aspen
55 Sunrise
56 Agile

DOWN
1 Llama territory
2 Paradise
3 Grate
4 Damage
5 Gander's comment
6 Moreover
7 Lemieux milieu
8 Shelf
9 Breaks
10 Grown-up leveret
11 Elevator man
16 Autumn mo.
20 Hearty brew
22 Expenditure
23 Put your feat in your mouth?
24 Acknowledge applause
25 G8 member
26 "Fountains of Rome" composer
27 Metrical measures
29 Roadie's burden
30 Powell co-star
35 Pod occupant
37 Puts up
39 Seafood selection
40 Indivisible
41 Troubles
42 Plumbing problem
43 Fairy tale preposition
44 On
45 Burn somewhat
46 Vortex
49 Mound stat
50 Wield a needle

Solution time: 25 mins.

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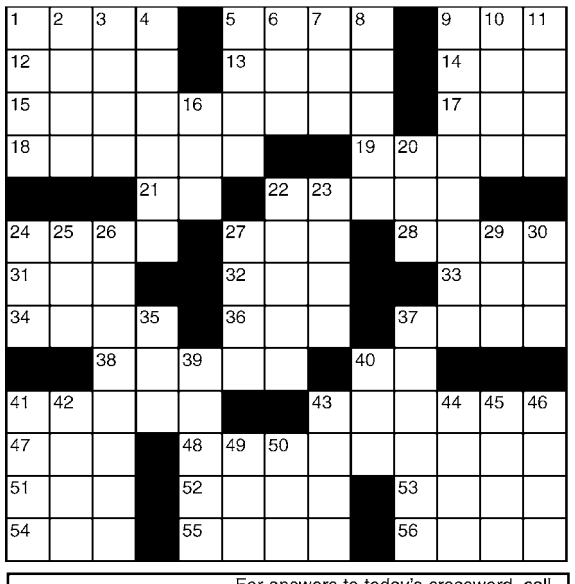

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Distance yourself from any personal problems you've been facing. Time and space will give you room to decipher what's actually going on and what you can do to alleviate stress. An opportunity to make more money may be possible. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Speak passionately about your dreams, hopes, wishes and expectations. You may not like the response you get. That will be your indicator to make a move or take a pass. You've got lots to offer; you just have to find the right fit. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't fall for emotional manipulation. If you don't like something, speak up regardless of the consequences. An idea you have can turn into a moneymaker. Refuse to take on a burden that doesn't belong to you. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Get involved in activities, projects or groups that allow you to use your creativity and express your opinions and ideas. A change regarding your profession may be enticing but is probably not what you need to make your life better. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Putting blame on someone or complaining won't fix matters. Sort through whatever is going on around you and you will be the one everyone looks up to, confides in and listens to. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You can accomplish a great deal if you don't overload your plate. Consistency, practicality and hard work will play an important role in the results you get personally and financially. A romantic commitment will alter your future. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You will be better off spending time with colleagues or peers who understand and respect what you are working toward. Personal relationships will be difficult, especially if you're saddled with responsibilities that don't belong to you. A new friendship will inspire and motivate you. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Finish what you start if you want to be taken seriously. Avoid making last-minute changes. Less will be more if done well. Trust in your talent and skills. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Money is heading your way and legal and financial concerns can be taken care of if you stick to your original strategy and maintain consistency. Travel plans may result in delays, problems with authority or confusion concerning directions. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Avoid dealing with indecisive people. Approach only those who instantly see what you are doing and want to join in. You have the energy, knowledge and the determination to accomplish whatever you set your mind to. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Look within and you will find the answers you are searching for. It's up to you to make whatever changes are required to improve your lifestyle. Show strength and determination and do not allow emotional relationships to delegate your path. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You cannot let anyone bully you or push you in a direction that you don't feel good about. Problems with co-workers and family members will develop but, before you react, calm down and think about what you want to accomplish. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are passionate and aggressive. You take pride in what you do and express your thoughts with color and enthusiasm. You have leadership ability.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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7	8	2	3	9	6	5	4	1
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By DAVID OUELLET

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Foreclosure Sale Order, dated June 10, 2010, issued by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Defendants Albert U. Charfauros and Francisca C. Charfauros' interests in Lot 001 G 151, located in Saipan, CNMI, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on terms and conditions set forth herein below.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Law Offices of O' Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Second Floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. The property is described as Lot 001 G 151, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 04, the original of which was recorded 27 MAR 1986 as Document No. 86-511 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute the basis for any claim, adjustment, or rescission of the auction sale.

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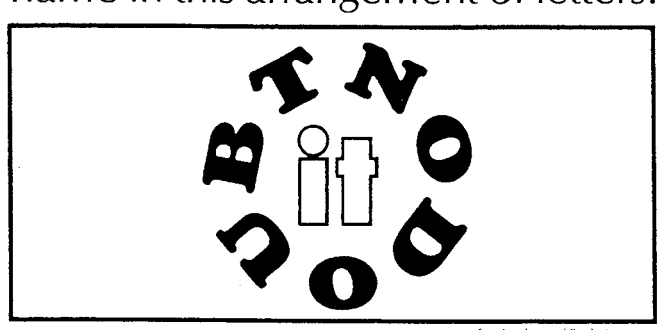

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Rafael Nadal wins in Wimbledon return

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Trying to switch directions while chasing a shot beneath the Royal Box at Wimbledon's Centre Court, Rafael Nadal lost his footing and took a nasty-looking spill, flinging his racket in the air while he fell.

The Spaniard was OK, even if he did land on his back behind the baseline and glanced overhead to make sure his equipment wasn't going to nail him in the noggin. Nadal toweled off and, four games later, wrapped up a 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Japan's Kei Nishikori in the first round at the All England Club.

It was merely a coincidence, of course, that Nadal's third-set tumble Tuesday left him in nearly the same position, and in the same spot, that he found himself the last time he played a match at Wimbledon, almost two full years ago. Except on that occasion, he was dropping to the grass on purpose to celebrate beating Roger Federer in the 2008 final.

Nadal didn't defend that championship, withdrawing last year because of painful tendinitis in his knees. Now he's healthy, reinstated at No. 1 in the rankings, once again the reigning French Open champion—and back on what he called "probably the most beautiful and emblematic court in the world."

Said Nadal: "I'm happy to be here again."

He's also happy to be able to scamper around a court as only he can, knowing that his knees won't let him down.

Another past Wimbledon winner coming off an injury, Maria Sharapova, also played Tuesday, and also won convincingly, eliminating 127th-ranked Anastasia Pivovarova of Russia 6-1, 6-0 in only 54 minutes.

Sharapova had right shoulder surgery in October 2008 and was sidelined for about 10 months, then was hampered by a right elbow injury this season. She's had to toy with her service motion, in addition to confronting worries about when she would regain the strokes that helped her win Wimbledon at age 17 in 2004, then two other Grand Slam titles.

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Spain's Rafael Nadal makes a backhand return during his match against Japan's Kei Nishikori at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

"You never know until things happen. I mean, I believed that I would be back. Did I really know? I assumed, and I had a lot of belief in myself, and I had a tremendous amount of support from the people around me," said Sharapova, who won 30 of 37 points on her serve Tuesday. "But you never really know till it happens."

And these days, is her best tennis enough to beat anyone?

"Absolutely," Sharapova said.

Joining her in the second round were defending champion Serena Williams, who pounded 15 aces in a 6-0, 6-4 victory over 17-year-old Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal to improve to 43-0 in first-round Grand Slam matches; two-time major champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, who overcame 16 aces by Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan and won 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-4; and No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 7 Agnieszka Radwanska, No. 9 Li Na and No. 10 Flavia Pennetta.

But No. 6 Samantha Stosur, the runner-up at the French Open a little more than two weeks ago, lost to 80th-ranked qualifier Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 6-4, 6-4. The woman who beat Stosur at Roland Garros, first-time major champion Francesca Schiavone, bowed out of Wimbledon on Monday.

The only other seeded woman who lost Tuesday was No. 25 Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic.

Four seeded men exited, and three are from Spain: No. 8 Fernando Verdasco, No. 19 Nicolas Almagro, and No. 14 Juan Carlos Ferrero, the 2003 French Open champion. The other was No. 24 Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, the 2006 Australian Open runner-up.

Winners included No. 4 Andy Murray, two-time French Open finalist Robin Soderling, No. 9 David Ferrer, No. 10 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, and No. 18 Sam Querrey of Santa Monica, Calif. Murray is the only British man or woman still left, making this the first time in tournament history that the hosts have but one representative in the second round.

"It's not great, is it?" Murray said.

For all of Nadal's success at the French Open—he is 38-1 there, with five championships in six years—he considers his Wimbledon trophy his most significant accomplishment. Having to pull out of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament in 2009 was part of a tough season that also included his only loss at Roland Garros and, away from the court, his parents' separation.

"We had many problems last year, with the knees and many things. After Roland Garros, it was a difficult decision not playing here," said Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach. "When you are the (defending) champion, you want to at least come here to play. But that's life."

Nadal is seeded second behind six-time Wimbledon champion Federer, who struggled in his first match Monday, coming back to win after dropping the opening two sets. Nadal faced no such dangers against the 189th-ranked Nishikori, who was honored as the 2008 ATP newcomer of the year after becoming the first Japanese man since 1937 to reach the U.S. Open's fourth round, but then missed time with a right elbow injury.

"If I hit one easy shot, he's going to hit winners. So it wasn't easy for me," Nishikori said. "I think he was playing really well today."

If Nishikori is still trying to re-establish himself, Nadal clearly has recovered from his knee issues, going 22-0 on clay this spring.

Now his indefatigable style is once again on display at Wimbledon.

"This year, I worked a lot to be here," Nadal said. "I'm perfect. Concentrated. Very motivated."

Bucks get Maggette from Warriors

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Seeking a scoring threat and willing to take on a significant contract, the Milwaukee Bucks acquired forward Corey Maggette in a trade with the Golden State Warriors on Tuesday.

The Bucks also got a second-round draft pick from the Warriors, giving up guard Charlie Bell and center Dan Gadzuric in return.

Maggette played in 70 games with 49 starts for Golden State last season, averaging 19.8 points per game. He will be expected to provide offense for a team that may lose John Salmons, who can opt out of his contract and become a free agent.

"Corey has been a consistent scorer throughout his career," Bucks general manager John Hammond said in a statement. "He shoots a solid percentage from the field and has shown the ability to get to the free throw line. We're looking forward to having him in a Bucks uniform."

Tuesday's deal leaves the Bucks with three selections in the second round of Thursday night's NBA draft.

Maggette, an 11-year veteran, ranked 19th in the league in field goal percentage (.516) last season and had the league's highest scoring average for a player who logged fewer than 30 minutes per game. He has three years and approximately $31 million remaining on his contract.

Bell played in 71 games with 39 starts for Milwaukee last season, averaging 6.5 points, 1.5 assists and 1.9 rebounds per game. Gadzuric appeared in 32 games with six starts, and averaged 2.8 points and 2.9 rebounds in 9.8 minutes per game.

"Charlie and Dan are two high-character veterans who can provide us with some of the intangibles that we need on our squad," Warriors general manager Larry Riley said in a statement. "They are both experienced veterans who will be welcomed additions to our very young team. Additionally, while we certainly wish Corey well and thank him for his outstanding contributions the last two years, this will help alleviate a log-jam that we have at small forward and, more importantly, power forward, where we expect both Brandan Wright and Anthony Randolph to return from injuries and play an increased role on our team next season."

Gadzuric will make $7.2 million in the final year of a massive contract that Hammond inherited from the team's previous front office. Bell will make just under $8 million for the next two seasons.

Bell was generally well-liked by Bucks fans but had a few uncomfortable moments with the team. Earlier this year, he was benched in Game 7 of the Bucks' playoff series against Atlanta for disciplinary reasons. Bell also bristled when the Bucks matched an offer sheet from the Miami Heat in 2007.

Bell thanked Bucks fans in a post to his Twitter account, writing, "Thanks Bucks fans for all your support over the years. We had our good times and bad but I will always love the city of Milwaukee."

Hornets new coach doesn't want Paul traded

WESTWEGO, La. (AP)—Monty Williams would rather not contemplate making his NBA head coaching debut without Chris Paul.

So with trade talks intensifying as they often do in the final days before the NBA draft, Williams made it clear on Tuesday that he expects his new employers to turn down whatever offers they get for their biggest star.

"Chris was the main thing that excited me about this job," Williams said after a pre-draft workout Tuesday at the Hornets' suburban training center. "So many people are begging for a point guard. You're talking about the best one in the game. I couldn't envision being here without Chris."

The Hornets have the 11th overall pick in Thursday night's draft and likely could move up if they decided to deal their three-time All-Star.

Meanwhile, those teams which plan to pursue LeBron James in free agency might enhance their chances of success by trading for Paul.

Paul and James are close friends who spend a lot of time together in the offseason and were teammates on the 2008 U.S. Olympic team that won gold in Beijing.

When James premiered his documentary, "More Than A Game," in Akron, Ohio, last year, Paul was on hand to help promote it.

Hornets general manager Jeff Bower said he has received many calls about possible trades but declined to specify which teams, or how many, inquired about Paul.

"I'm not going to comment on rumors, regardless of confirming them or denying them or saying how believable or unbelievable they are because it's something that's going to be there all throughout the free-agent process," Bower said. "We have a duty to listen and have dialogue with teams about all of our players ... and our job is to be aware of the interest in every player in this league, not only other (teams') players, but our own."

The Hornets' uncertain ownership situation could be playing a role in other clubs' pursuit of Paul as well.

When Hornets owner George Shinn reached an agreement in early May to sell his shares to minority partner Gary Chouest, it appeared that the franchise would be on stronger financial footing.

Moyer leads Phillies past Indians

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Jamie Moyer equaled a record with his 505th homer allowed, the only blemish in eight crisp innings as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cleveland Indians 2-1 on Tuesday.

Moyer (8-6) limited the Indians to just two hits while earning win No. 266, tying him with Bob Feller and Eppa Rixey for 35th on the career list. The 47-year-old left-hander recorded 14 of his 24 outs on ground balls.

Russell Branyan went deep for Cleveland in the second, hitting a long drive to the second deck in right to leave Moyer tied with Robin Roberts for most homers allowed all-time.

Mets 14, Tigers 6

At New York, Angel Pagan had four hits and four RBIs and David Wright reached base five times and scored three runs as the New York Mets routed the Detroit Tigers 14-6.

Ike Davis had two hits and two RBIs in the third inning as the Mets batted around for seven runs, getting help from Jay Sborz, who became the first pitcher in eight years to hit the first two batters in his big league debut.

Sborz was pitching in relief of Justin Verlander (8-5), who did not return to the mound after a 58-minute rain delay which began after he allowed an RBI double to Jason Bay in the third inning that gave New York a 3-0 lead.

Fernando Nieve (2-3) pitched 2 1-3 innings in relief of Jonathon Niese to get the win.

Rockies 2, Red Sox 1

At Denver, Jhoulys Chacin pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning to beat Jon Lester as Colorado downed Boston.

Chacin (4-6) walked five and allowed four singles in 6 2-3 innings. Lester, in his first trip to Coors Field since winning Game 4 to clinch Boston's 2007 World Series title, lost despite allowing just one earned run and six hits—all singles—in six spectacular innings.

Boston had won six straight and Lester (8-3) had won eight in a row.

Angels 6, Dodgers 3

At Anaheim, Howie Kendrick drove in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning with his third hit and Kevin Frandsen followed with a two-run double to power Los Angeles to the Freeway Series victory.

Bobby Abreu hit a tying three-run homer in the sixth and Ervin Santana (7-5) pitched seven solid innings for the Angels, who rallied from a three-run deficit to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers for their fourth win in five games.

They also posted their fourth straight win over the Dodgers, who matched their worst skid of the season with their fifth straight loss, including three straight at Fenway Park last weekend.

Yankees 9, Diamondbacks 3

At Phoenix, Alex Rodriguez homered and drove in three runs, powering Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees to the victory over Arizona.

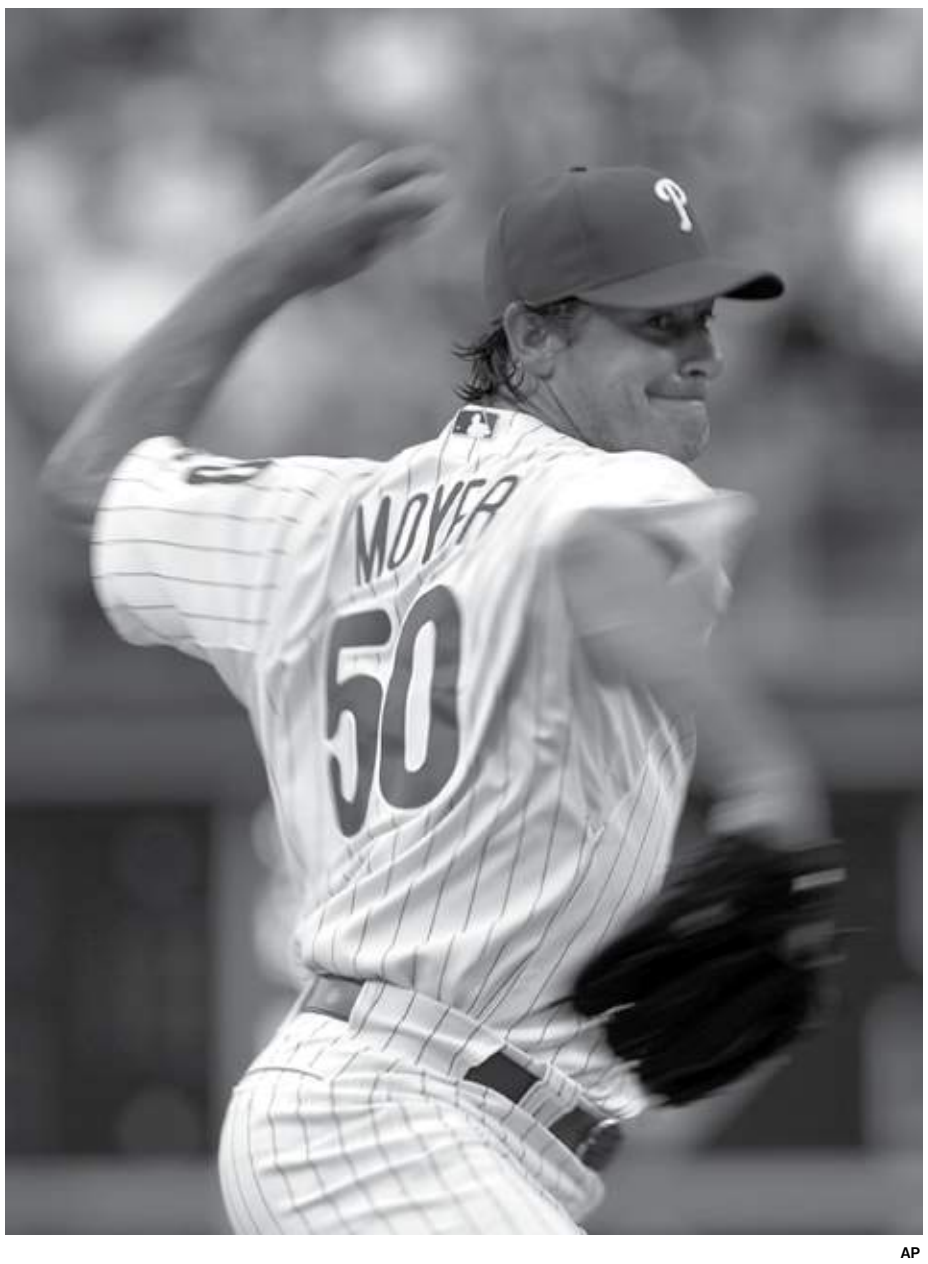
Diamondbacks starter Dan Haren retired 12 of his last 14 batters and left with his team trailing 3-2 after seven innings. But New York scored six runs in the eighth inning which put the game out of reach.

Pettitte (9-2) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings. He struck out seven, walked two and even got a rare base hit.

Padres 2, Rays 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Mat Latos allowed three hits in seven scoreless innings as San Diego beat Tampa Bay.

Latos (8-4) struck out eight—including his last five batters—and walked one in improving to 7-1 over his last nine starts. The right-hander also has won all three of his interleague starts this season.



AP

Philadelphia Phillies' Jamie Moyer pitches in the second inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Tuesday, June 22, 2010, in Philadelphia.

White Sox 9, Braves 6

At Chicago, John Danks settled down after a shaky start to outpitch a Tommy Hanson as Chicago beat Atlanta for its seventh straight win.

In snapping Atlanta's five-game winning streak, the White Sox won for the 11th time in 12 games. They improved to 35-34 — the first time they have been over .500 since they were 1-0.

Rangers 6, Pirates 3

At Arlington, Texas, Josh Hamilton extended his hitting streak to 17 games with a home run and a double as Texas downed Pittsburgh to stretch the majors' longest winning streak to nine.

Michael Young also homered in his first home game since becoming the franchise's career hits leader last week at Florida during the Rangers' eight consecutive victories on the road.

Hamilton doubled in the fifth, when he scored on Borbon's second homer of the season. An inning later, Hamilton homered onto the grassy hill in center for his 17th of the season and majors-best eighth in June.

Cardinals 9, Blue Jays 4

At Toronto, Matt Holliday connected for one of four home runs in the Cardinals' win over Toronto.

Felipe Lopez, Yadier Molina and slumping Colby Rasmus also went deep for the Cardinals to back rookie left-hander Jaime Garcia (7-3).

Jose Bautista hit two home runs for Toronto, giving him a major league-high 20.

Brewers 7, Twins 5

At Milwaukee, Casey McGehee hit a three-run homer and rookie closer John Axford converted his first six-out save to help Milwaukee's bullpen hold on to beat Minnesota.

Rickie Weeks homered for Milwaukee, which had a 7-3 lead before reliever Todd Coffey allowed a two-run double to Delmon Young with no outs in the eighth.

Brewers starter Chris Narveson (6-4) gave up three runs and five hits in five innings. He also hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the fourth.

Scott Baker (6-6) pitched six innings for the Twins, yielding five runs and nine hits.

Mariners 2, Cubs 0

At Seattle, Jason Vargas pitched four-hit ball over seven innings to win his fourth straight decision and Franklin Gutierrez homered to help Seattle edge Chicago.

The Mariners, who stretched their season-high winning streak to five, have scored 11 runs during that time, their longest since winning six in a row April 9-15, 2009. Five of those runs came in one game.

Brandon League and David Aardsma finished the six-hitter. Aardsma walked Geovany Soto and allowed a single to Alfonso Soriano with two outs in the ninth. But the right-hander struck out Tyler Colvin for his 16th save in 20 chances.

Marlins 10, Orioles 4

At Baltimore, Hanley Ramirez had three hits and three RBIs to back an effective pitching performance by Anibal Sanchez as Florida defeated Baltimore.

The Marlins have two won straight for the first time since June 10-11.

After sitting out Sunday's game with a tight right hamstring, Ramirez marked his return with his first three-hit game since May 19.

Sanchez (7-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Nationals 4, Royals 3

At Washington, Josh Willingham and Adam Dunn homered and Luis Atilano pitched into the sixth inning as Washington beat Kansas City.

Matt Capps held on for his major league-leading 22nd save in 26 chances despite a rocky ninth inning. Scott Podsednik hit a two-run single to get Kansas City within one before Jason Kendall fouled out with two runners on to end the game.

Reds 4, Athletics 2

At Oakland, Bronson Arroyo rediscovered his control and didn't walk a batter in eight strong innings as Cincinnati beat Oakland.

Corky Miller hit a two-run single and Joey Votto added an RBI double as the Reds quickly jumped on Dallas Braden, whose winless stretch reached eight starts since his perfect game against Tampa Bay on May 9.

A's center fielder Coco Crisp hit a two-run homer in his third game this season following two stints on the disabled list.

Arroyo (7-3) was coming off a career-high six walks in a win over the Dodgers, but commanded the strike zone this time for his first start of the season without a walk. He allowed two runs and five hits.

Francisco Cordero finished for his 18th save in 23 chances.

Giants 3, Astros 1

At Houston, Tim Lincecum outpitched Roy Oswalt in a matchup of National League aces as San Francisco managed just enough offense against Houston.

It was San Francisco's seventh straight victory over Houston this season and Lincecum's third of the year against the struggling Astros. He improved to 5-0 in eight career outings against them.

Carroll says Washington primed for camp

RENTON, Wash. (AP)—Leon Washington's road back from a broken leg has come quicker than many expected.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll says his recently acquired running back and 2008 All-Pro with the New York Jets will be ready for the start of training camp despite having a metal rod in his right leg.

"Yeah, we really do," expect that, Carroll said Tuesday, when Seattle began its final minicamp before the preseason starts late next month. "We think he's in great shape for this time. He's ahead of schedule right now."

When the Seahawks made a draft-day trade with the Jets on April 24 and gave up a fifth-round choice, Washington had only resumed running two weeks earlier. He had sustained a compound fracture of the tibia and fibula in his right leg during a Jets game at Oakland in October.

There was speculation about whether he'd be the same Pro Bowler-caliber player. Then he became expendable to the Jets when New York signed LaDainian Tomlinson and traded up in April's draft to take USC running back Joe McKnight in the fourth round.

Washington trained at the Athletes' Performance Institute in Pensacola, Fla., this offseason. Seahawks doctors talked with their Jets counterparts. The reports left Seahawks general manager John Schneider comfortable enough to trade for him and then say: "The risk versus the reward was worth it to us."

That risk is starting to pay off. Washington was smoothly running 20-yard sprints after Tuesday's practice with wide receiver Deion Branch, who is also progressing well from his third knee surgery in two years.

But Carroll says Washington won't be unleashed once camp starts.

"We'll still be very careful in the first couple weeks of camp to make sure he's really transitioned back in. We won't rush that," Carroll said. "But we're very hopeful, and everything looks like he's going to be fine."

Oh, about that rod doctors inserted into Washington's tibia: The 27-year-old brushes that off. After all, it's going to be there forever.

"At least I know I can't break that leg again," he jokes.

During a previous minicamp, Washington stopped Carroll in the hallway of Seahawks headquarters and just about jumped on him to show his enthusiasm for his new NFL life.

"I'm like, 'Coach, I'm stoked. I'm so excited,'" Washington recalled telling Carroll. "You can feel the energy in the building, in the meetings.

"It kind of reminds me of my first year in New York (in 2006, under then first-year coach Eric Mangini). Everyone said we were rebuilding—and we made the playoffs."

Washington was the Jets' leading rusher as a fourth-round pick that year out of Florida State. When healthy, he has been one of the league's more dynamic players, as a kick returner and running back.

Palms Resort gains first win

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Palms Resort finally broke into the win column in the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball Tournament after eking out a 75-74 victory over Moonlight on Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai basketball court.

Elmer Pineda redeemed himself from two straight errors when he canned a layup and made two free throws to lift Palms Resort to its first win in five matches. Moonlight absorbed its first loss in four games.

Palms Resort entered the last two minutes of the match with a 71-70 lead and attempted to widen the gap when Pineda asked for an isolation play. However, he lost the ball on his turn to the basket and Mel Capalad picked it up. Capalad went on to make a fastbreak layup to put Moonlight in front, 72-71, with 1:13 left on the clock.

In Palms Resort's ensuing play, Pineda lost possession anew against Moonlight's pressure defense and Gino Libuw converted a layup to make it a 74-71 lead. Another botched Palms Resort play returned the leather to Moonlight, which had a chance to pad the lead when Capalad was fouled.

However, Capalad missed both charities and Ed Cosino collared a rebound and threw a long pass from the backcourt to their frontcourt. Moonlight's Sam Fernandez let the ball go, as he thought no one was at Palms Resort's frontcourt to catch the leather. He was wrong, as Pineda sneaked in from the sideline, chased the ball, and nailed the uncontested shot.

Moonlight players contested Pineda was not in the playing court when Cosino threw the pass, but referees ruled otherwise, moving Palms Resort within one, 73-74.

Moonlight muffed its next offensive play and Pineda attacked the basket this time and drew a foul. He sank both free throws, giving Palms Resort the lead, 75-74, with 14 seconds left on the clock.

In Moonlight's ensuing play, Fernandez's jumper near the 15-foot line was short and when players scrambled for the rebound, the ball went out of the left sideline. Moonlight kept the possession and had only two seconds left to make a shot.

Libuw received the inbound a few steps away from the foul line, dribbled one, made a turn, and then pulled up for a shot. The ball went it, but referees did not count the basket, saying Libuw still had the ball in his hands when the final buzzer sounded.

In the first game, Mythical Five had an easier time against Cargo Express, drilling an 84-74 win.

Mythical Five improved to a 2-3 record, while Cargo Express dropped to a 2-2 mark.

Jun Tabora paced Mythical Five with a game-high 32 points.

First Game

Mythical Five 84 – Tabora 32, Miranda 14, Factor 12, Echavez 6, Alvarez 5, Tobias 4, Jacob 1, Morales 1.

Cargo Express 74 – Rollon 31, Galulu 10, Santos 8, Hocog 8, Cadag 5, Isip 4, Diyco 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-18, 43-31, 65-49, 84-74.

Second Game

Palms Resort 75 – Abuy 19, Alipio 17, Pineda 16, De La Torre 9, Dizon 8, Cosino 5.

Moonlight 74 – Capalad 27, Aquino 19, Vargas 9, Libuw 8, Mallari 4, Ramirez 2, Lazuna 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-17, 36-39, 58-54, 75-74.

SAIPAN

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gle at the plate and went 1-2-3 for a second time. In the bottom half, Saipan added a run from another RBI single by Atalig that scored Emul to give Saipan a 5-0 lead after three.

In the top of the second, Rota finally made some noise with their bats and scored two runs off three hits.

After Peter Cepeda belted a two-out base hit, Steven Cabrera came next and drove him home. Dalwin Cepeda then followed suit and singled in Cabrera before Saipan could close out the inning.

In the bottom half, Rota managed to hold off Saipan and began to posture up to try and get back in the game, but Saipan buckled down out in the field and forced Rota into another 1-2-3 inning to start the fifth.

Saipan then scored two more runs in the bottom half as the Rota pitching staff began to wear down.

Emul knocked in Iaonis Rasa who drew a lead off walk. Then Atalig drove in Emul for the third time in the game.

The score remained 7-2, Saipan, going into the seventh after a scoreless sixth inning.

In the top of the seventh, Rota's J.D. Santos led off and got plunked to start the inning.

Santos scored off an error, but soon after, Rota bunted into a double play and their next batter struck out to end the game with an abrupt consummation.

Notables of the game included Atalig, Emul, and Brel. Atalig batted 2-for-3 with three RBIs and one run. Emul batted 2-for-3 with one RBI and three runs. Brel batted 2-for-3 with one RBI, one run, and a stolen base.

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and 15-24; and for other purposes, which was passed by the Saipan Delegation, Seventeenth Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature," Fitial wrote in a letter address to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Ramon Tebuteb and Acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro.

Fitial line item vetoed Section 3, sections B,C, and D, of the re-appropriation bill. Section C pertains to "the unobligated/ lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law 1605 under BU 3313F in the amount of $20,000 and $10,000 from Saipan Local Law 12-21 under BU 3393C hereby re-appropriated for the Micronesian Games.

"The remaining appropriations under Section 3 (sections (B), (C), and (D) reference a local law which is non-existent. This may be a mere technical error in citation. However, I cannot change legislation from the form in which it was passed. I therefore use the line item veto authority granted in Article II, Section 7(a) of the Commonwealth Constitution to disapprove said sections," Fitial said.

Fitial, however, approved Section 3, A (2), which says $20,000 is appropriated to fund the upcoming Micronesian Games. The amount is part of the unobligated/ lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law 15-33 under BY 3391B.

Asked what the delegation will do after Fital's line veto, Tebuteb said they will "fix it." He said the delegation will do the best they can to give financial assistance to the CNMI delegates to the Micronesian Games.

The delegation will hold a session today. If the technical error in citation is corrected, the re-appropriation bill will go back to the governor for signature. The deadline for registration of delegates to the Micro Games is June 30 and Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association in its previous meetings reiterated the importance of early registration and immediate purchase of airline tickets, as bookings are expected to be tight next month. The Micronesian Games will run from Aug. 1 to 10.

It will cost more than $1,000 to send a delegate to the Micro Games. NMASA is shouldering $250 and after lawmakers re-appropriated $50,000 for the CNMI's expenses to the Micro Games, NMASA required each athlete/coach/delegate to pay only $426.

If only $20,000 is approved from the re-appropriation and the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation fails to "fix it," CNMI delegates will be forced to pay more than $426 for the Palau trip.

NMASA still hopeful

NMASA president Michael White said they are still positive the original re-appropriation will be met.

"We are hopeful that the $30,000 originally appropriated will be restored. We know that the Legislature and the governor have both expressed their strong support for our Micronesian Games team, and we are sure that they will be exploring all possible funding sources so that our men and women can represent the CNMI proudly in Palau," White said.

Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association president Steven Lim, who will also be playing in Palau, shared the same sentiments.

"If they meant that they will go through with it, that would be great news. This hitch with the financial support is consistent with the very challenging economic state the entire CNMI faces these days," he added.

KABIRIEL

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and Gemma Good finished out in third.

In the 46-50 category, Danny Garcia and Tessie Duenas took first place with times of 34:53 and 51:34. Pedro Villaga and Lando Olais finished out second and third in the male division.

Rene Calage and Caroline Pierce were the top male and female finishers in the 51-55 division with times of 33:04 and 62:01. Chong Nam Lee and Marian Pierce each finished second with Daniel Calvo rounding out third place for the men.

Chang Whan Jang finished in sixth place overall. Jang and Suzy Kindel finished out as the top male and female finishers for the 56-60 year age group with times of 28:10 and 36:12. Joshua Berger and Marcia Schultz came in second and Art Ancheta finished third for the men.

Bill White and Bobbi Grizzard finished first in the 61-and-over division with times of 36:15 and 68:32. Stan Good and Richard Pierce finished second and third for the men.

Some of the prizes included Saipandas, T-shirts, perfume, watches, snorkeling gear, towels, handbags, and various gift certificates.

FRANCE

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took them most of the game to break through a staunch Greece defense and win 2-0 in Polokwane. South Korea also made the round the 16 by holding Nigeria to a 2-2 draw in Durban.

South Africa beat France 2-1 in Bloemfontein, but the first-half goals from Bongani Khumalo and Katlego Mphela weren't enough to stop the team from becoming the first host to be eliminated from the first round.

In Rustenburg, two-time champion Uruguay defeated Mexico 1-0 and won Group A. Mexico and South Africa each had four points, but the Mexicans advanced on goal difference.

South Africans will be disappointed with the result, but the French will be furious. The 1998 World Cup champion is in disarray.

France was held to a 0-0 draw by Uruguay in its opening match, and then lost to Mexico 2-0. The chaos started shortly thereafter, when striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home for refusing to apologize to the coach after insulting him.

Then the players decided to skip a day of practice to protest that decision, further disrupting an already faltering World Cup campaign.

Tuesday's match just added to the negative image most have of France coach Raymond Domenech, who benched captain Patrice Evra for his final match in charge.

"The whole of France needs to have an explanation for this disaster," Evra said. "It's not the time to give them, but I will personally give them ... what I went through, just the truth, as quickly as possible."

Khumalo gave South Africa the lead when he beat Abou Diaby in the 20th minute and scored from Siphiwe Tshabalala's cross. Mphela added a second in the 37th, scoring from Tsepo Masilela's cross.

"The early goal helped a lot," Khumalo said. "I really thought we could pull through."

Both goals came after France was reduced to 10 men in the 25th when Yoann Gourcuff was sent off for elbowing Macbeth Sibaya.

Florent Malouda scored France's only goal of the tournament in the 70th. That goal gave them one more than in 2002, when the then defending champion French were also eliminated in the first round.

Luis Suarez scored Uruguay's goal against Mexico in the 43rd, heading in a cross from Edinson Cavani.

"The important thing is that we qualified in first place," Uruguay striker Diego Forlan said. "They controlled the ball well and in truth it was quite hard for us."

Uruguay didn't concede a goal in the first round.

Martin Demichelis finally gave Argentina the lead in the 77th minute when he headed the ball off teammate Diego Milito and then shot past Greece goalkeeper Alexandros Tzorvas.

Martin Palermo added the second goal in the 89th, knocking in a rebound after Tzorvas saved a shot from Lionel Messi, who served as Argentina's youngest ever captain at 22 years old. Regular captain Javier Mascherano was rested by coach Diego Maradona, along with several other starters from the first two games.

"Now the road gets more difficult, and the hierarchy of each team comes into play," Maradona said. "You always talk about Germany, Italy, Brazil, that they're playing bad, but they're always in the semifinals, in the final, in the second round, in the quarters."

Lee Jung-soo and Park Chu-young scored the goals for South Korea, which advanced past the first round away from home for the first time.

Lee equalized in the 38th and Park scored in the 49th. Kalu Uche had given the Nigerians the lead in the 12th and Ayegbeni Yakubu leveled in the 69th.

"Our goal was to reach the last 16. We succeeded in doing this for the first time away from home," South Korea captain Park Ji-sung said. "So I'm very happy we accomplished this in South Africa. All of the players know how important this is."

Nigeria, which could have become the first African team to advance at the first World Cup in Africa, missed several easy chances throughout the match.

Also, charges against two Dutch women who had faced prosecution for allegedly taking part in an ambush marketing campaign at a World Cup match were dropped.

South Africa's home affairs minister said that the total of foreign visitors this month had passed 682,000 — up from more than 456,000 as of June 13.

"This is quite a sizable increase from last year's figures," Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma said. "We are happy with the way things are going."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	44	27	.620	—
Tampa Bay	42	28	.600	1 1/2
Boston	43	29	.597	1 1/2
Toronto	38	33	.535	6
Baltimore	19	51	.271	24 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	40	30	.571	—
Detroit	38	31	.551	1 1/2
Chicago	35	34	.507	4 1/2
Kansas City	29	43	.403	12
Cleveland	26	43	.377	13 1/2

West Division

Texas	42	28	.600	—
Los Angeles	40	33	.548	3 1/2
Oakland	34	39	.466	9 1/2
Seattle	29	41	.414	13

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	42	29	.592	—
New York	40	30	.571	1 1/2
Philadelphia	36	32	.529	4 1/2
Florida	34	36	.486	7 1/2
Washington	33	39	.458	9 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	39	31	.557	—
Cincinnati	39	33	.542	1
Chicago	31	39	.443	8
Milwaukee	30	40	.429	9
Houston	26	45	.366	13 1/2
Pittsburgh	25	45	.357	14

West Division

San Diego	41	29	.586	—
San Francisco	39	30	.565	1 1/2
Los Angeles	38	32	.543	3
Colorado	37	33	.529	4
Arizona	28	44	.389	14

Yesterday's Games

Philadelphia 2, Cleveland 1
Florida 10, Baltimore 4
Washington 4, Kansas City 3
St. Louis 9, Toronto 4
N.Y. Mets 14, Detroit 6
San Diego 2, Tampa Bay 1
Texas 6, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 3, Houston 1
Chicago White Sox 9, Atlanta 6
Milwaukee 7, Minnesota 5
Colorado 2, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 9, Arizona 3
Cincinnati 4, Oakland 2
L.A. Angels 6, L.A. Dodgers 3
Seattle 2, Chicago Cubs 0

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4th Marianas Football Cup

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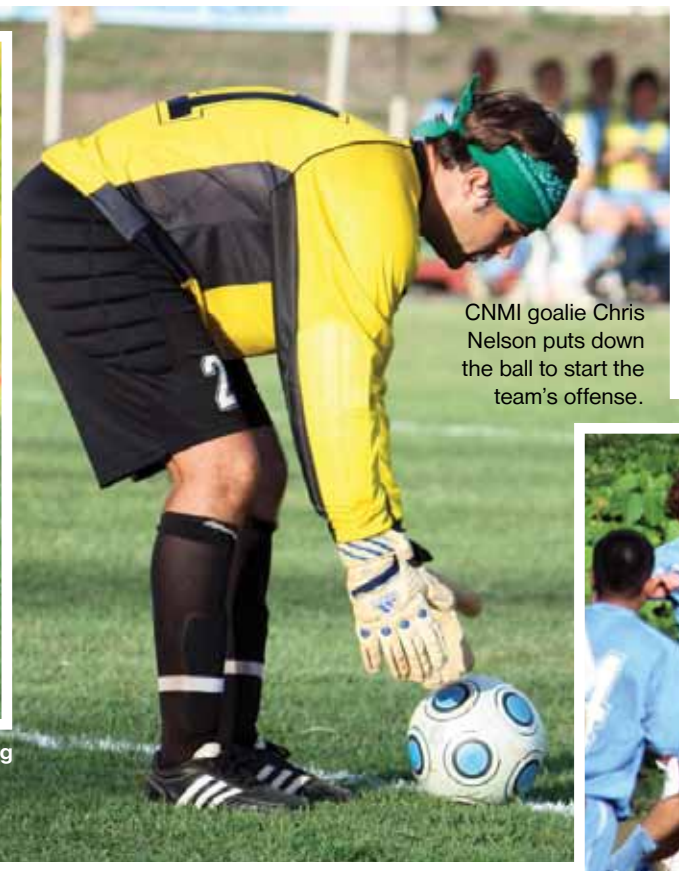
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, center, joins CNMI and Guam football players and officials for a group photo.



CNMI goalie Chris Nelson puts down the ball to start the team's offense.

The CNMI's Joe Miller gets a hug from Yikiomi Adachi (6), after the former scored the first goal of the game in the 68th minute.

Left, CNMI youth players carry the FIFA, CNMI, and Guam flags to lead the opening ceremony for the 4th Marianas Football Cup last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Below, Guam's Marcus Lopez, right, in action against the CNMI's Kirk Schuler during the first half of their game.

The CNMI's Ben Wood, left, and Matthew Cruz go for a header during the first half of their game. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Above, Gilmark Reusora, right, looks at the position of his teammates first before making the corner kick.

Right, the CNMI's Jason Schroeder, right, and Guam's Reyn Johnson, battle for the ball, while CNMI's Joe Miller, left, steps in to help his teammate.

Above, Guam and CNMI players are escorted by youth players during the opening ceremony.

Left, Guam players sing their national anthem.

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Saipan All-Stars also rule Big League

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The Saipan Big League All-Stars are all smiles after beating Rota, 7-3, in the 2010 CNMI Little League District Tournament held Tuesday at Tinian Municipal Field.

TINIAN—The Big League All-Stars completed a Saipan sweep of the 2010 CNMI Little League District Tournament after beating Rota, 7-3, last Tuesday at the Tinian Municipal Field.

The victory gave the Saipan team a ticket to the 2001 Little League Asia–Pacific Regional Tournament in Jakarta, Indonesia next month. There, they will be joined by the victorious Saipan Junior and Senior League All-Stars, while their Major League counterparts will play in Taiwan.

The Saipan Big League All-Stars were tested early by Rota before the latter pulled away at the end.

Visiting Rota went 1-2-3 to start the first and Saipan took a one-run lead in the bottom half from an RBI single by Ryan Lisua that drove in Jimmy Brel who led off with a single.

Then Rota stranded a runner at first to start the second and Saipan added three more runs to their lead on their turn.

Chad Atalig singled in Wally Emul who reached off an error to start the inning. An out later, Nick Cruz singled home Atalig before Brel drove him in with a two-out base hit.

In the top of the third, Rota continued to strug-

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Kabiriel, Berger win Silver Streak

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, right, and Mamiko Oshima-Berger topped last Saturday's 17th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run.

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Jack Kabiriel and Mamiko Berger posted the fastest overall male and female times in last Saturday's 17th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run that started and finished at the DFS Galleria Saipan.

Kabiriel, the overall top male finisher in the last year's Silver Streak, trimmed some seconds off last year's time with a strong 25:54 effort in last Saturday's race. Berger crossed the line close behind with an impressive 26:06.

A healthy turnout of 71 entrants in 11 age divisions participated in the 4.2-mile event, which is dubbed the Silver Streak.

Other notables include Jake Lee and Reyln Jones Sapong, the top male and female finishers for the 11 to 15 year age division with recorded times of 32:36 and 36:38, respectively. Jake's brother, Aaron Lee, along with Ji San, took second place in their division.

Douglas Dillay and Shane Galingo won first place as fastest male and female finishers in the 16-20 age group. For the boys, Danny Bai and Eddy Manalili took second and third place; Joy Aira Candala finished second in the girls division. Dillay, who finished third overall, posted a time of 27:33 and Galingo finished out in 53:07.

Aric Bickel and Rachel Zuercher were the top male and female finishers in the 21-30 age group with times of 28:18 and 33:55, respectively. Andres Buitrigo and Michael Benavente finished second and third in the male division, while Kathy Pagalpular and Lisha Zhua placed second and third for the ladies.

Ronald Villafria, who finished second overall, and Tanya Songsong won first place in the 31-35 age group with times of 26:04 and 52:37. Reynold Bulaon and Robert Ordesa finished second and third place in the male division.

Tamio Nishikido and Jing Hui topped out the 36-40 year male and female classes with their respective times of 27:45 and 44:23. Butch Sublemente and Harumi Suzuki came in second, while Vince Asunuma and May Simian came in third in the division.

Gary Bandoja and Wantha Aldrich won first place for the 41-45 year male and female divisions at 31:27 and 39:41. Alexander Racoma and Ryoko Chang came in second as Derek Chambers

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Micro Games funding hits snag

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial line item vetoed a re-appropriation of $30,000 for the CNMI's participation to the 7th Micronesian Games, but the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation is expected to make the necessary action in today's session to meet the original re-appropriation made late last month.

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"This is to inform you that I have approved in part, and disapproved in part, House Local Bill 17-14 D2, entitled, To repeal the appropriation and to re-appropriate the unexpended funds from Saipan Local Law 15-12, Section 2 (f); to re-appropriate unobligated/lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law Nos. 15-33, 16-21, 16-5,

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AP
South Africa's Aaron Mokoena, left, competes for the ball with France's Djibril Cisse, right, during the World Cup group A soccer match between France and South Africa at Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, on Tuesday June 22, 2010.

France, South Africa eliminated; Argentina advances

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—France's disastrous World Cup campaign ended in a loss Tuesday, a result that also dragged South Africa out of the tournament and left Uruguay and Mexico with places in the round of 16.

Argentina advanced as expected from Group B later in the day, but it

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